

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 1st day of February, 2012, 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. The invocation was given by Mr. Glenn Benton, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Bob Brotherton. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Cindy Dodson, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Jerome Darby
Ms. Wanda Bennett	Mr. Wayne Hammack
Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Mac Plummer
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Fred Shewmake
Mr. Sonny Cook	Mr. Jack Skaggs

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

Ms. Grace Peterson, Assistant Extension Agent/FNP Gardening Programs, presented information regarding The Food System Taskforce, which has been created to assist in developing a plan to create a healthy local food system for the entire region. She stated that good nutrition is important for healthy living, and that it is important to educate our youth on proper nutrition and how to grow healthy food. Ms. Peterson stated that research has shown that the foods we eat travel approximately 1200 miles from seed to plate. She stated that during this travel time, food loses its nutritional value and taste through processing and distribution. Ms. Peterson stated that there is no local food source at this time for local restaurants and grocery stores and it is their hope to assist in providing a source for fresh local foods in the future.

Ms. Peterson presented a resolution for the police jury's consideration proclaiming the month of March, 2012, as Food System Awareness Month, and stated that a Mayor's brunch is scheduled on March 1, 2012, at Bossier Parish Community College to promote public awareness of the local food system and of the need for educating our community on nutrition. After further discussion, Mr. Rimmer recommended that adoption of the resolution presented be considered at the February 15, 2012, regular meeting, to allow jurors time to review the proposal. The jury concurred.

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the Minor Plat of Survey for Glen Dale Harris, Rose Mary Harris, Pauline Harris White and Artis T. Harris, heirs of Artis T. Harris and Lessie B. Harris, located in Section 21, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Ford reported that Ms. White has requested additional time to research the matter of additional right-of-way needed for possible widening of the proposed servitude of passage. He recommended that this item be removed from the agenda at this time. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to remove from the agenda, the matter of approval of the Minor Plat of Survey for Glen Dale Harris, Rose Mary Harris, Pauline Harris White and Artis T. Harris, heirs of Artis T. Harris and Lessie B. Harris, located in Section 21, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

Mr. Ford presented a proposal from Hathorn Surveying in the amount of \$4,800 for surveying services and for the preparation of a right-of-way plat in connection with proposed improvements on Joe Lewis Road. He stated that Joe Lewis Road is a gravel road which was included in the 2009 Road Overlay Program to be paved. Mr. Ford stated that additional right-of-way is necessary, advising that a minimum 20-foot road surface is required.

There was discussion of the straightening of a curve on Joe Lewis Road. Mr. Ford stated that he does not recommend straightening the curve at this time due to a large gully located north of the curve. Mr. Andrews, Public Works Director, stated that the total estimated cost to reconstruct the road around this gully is approximately \$230,737.

Mr. Ford recommended clearing the ditches and graveling the road to establish a 20-foot road surface for future paving and advised that the cost for the work is approximately \$123,000. He stated that Mr. Green, a landowner on Joe Lewis Road, has advised that he will donate the right-of-way necessary to complete this initial work.

Mr. Avery recommended that right-of-way be obtained along the entire length of the road prior to beginning any work. He further recommended that funding through the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program be considered for this project. Mr. Ford stated that due to the current width of the road, the project does not qualify for grant funding.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Benton, to accept the proposal from Hathorn Surveying in the amount of \$4,800 for surveying services and for preparation of a right-of-way plat in connection with proposed improvements on Joe Lewis Road.**

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

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to authorize the advertising for Request for Proposals for Fiscal Agent of the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the period of April 1, 2012, to April 1, 2014, proposals to be received March 1, 2012.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize completion of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire in connection with the 2011 audit of Bossier Parish Police Jury financial records, and to authorize the President to execute documents.

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

unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of February, 2012, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire in connection with the 2011 audit of Bossier Parish Police Jury financial records.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of February, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Section 1-14, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances “Establishment of certain days of public rest and legal holidays”, to update the holiday schedule in accordance with current Bossier Parish Police Jury Policy and Procedures.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4421

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1-14, OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES; “ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN DAYS OF PUBLIC REST AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS”, TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AS APPROVED BY THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of February, 2012, that Chapter 1, Section 1-14, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1-14. Establishment of certain days of public rest and legal holidays.

(a) The following shall be days of public rest and legal holidays:

- (1) January 1, New Year’s Day
- (2) The third Monday in January, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- (3) The third Monday in February, President’s Day
- (4) Good Friday
- (5) The last Monday in May, Memorial Day
- (6) July 4, Independence Day
- (7) The first Monday in September, Labor Day
- (8) November 11, Veteran’s Day
- (9) The fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day
- (10) The day following Thanksgiving Day
- (11) December 24, Christmas Eve
- (12) December 25, Christmas Day

(b) Whenever January 1, July 4, or November 11 falls on Sunday, the next day (Monday) is a holiday. When January 1, July 4, or November 11 falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday is a holiday.

(c) Whenever December 24 falls on Friday and December 25 falls on Saturday; Thursday, December 23 and Friday, December 24, will be recognized and observed as Christmas holidays.

(d) Whenever December 24 falls on Saturday and December 25 falls on Sunday; Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26, will be recognized and observed as Christmas holidays.

(e) Whenever December 24 falls on Sunday and December 25 falls on Monday; Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26, will be recognized and observed as Christmas holidays.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of February, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 1 on the Winfield Road Improvements Project No. 2011-291, advising that the plan change results in an additional cost of \$8,097.95. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Winfield Road Improvements Project No. 2011-291, and to authorize the President to execute documents.**

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of February, 2012, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Winfield Road Improvements Project No. 2011-291.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rick Avery, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 1.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of February, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 1 on the Bossier Central Library Parking Lot Repairs Project No. 2011-347, advising that the plan change results in a deduct of -\$578.30. **Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Bossier Central Library Parking Lot Repairs Project No. 2011-347, and to authorize the President to execute documents.**

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of February, 2012, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Bossier Central Library Parking Lot Repairs Project No. 2011-347.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rick Avery, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 1.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of February, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 1 on the Buckhall Road, Phase I, Project No. 2011-343, advising that the plan change results in an additional amount of \$9,000. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Buckhall Road, Phase I, Project No. 2011-343, and to authorize the President to execute documents.**

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of February, 2012, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Buckhall Road, Phase I, Project No. 2011-343.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rick Avery, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 1.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of February, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to accept the proposal of Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., in the amount of \$70,000, for engineering services for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Phase I (Design, Engineering, Surveying, Permits) for the Bossier Parish Drainage Project along Willow Chute Bayou at its intersection with Kingston Road, Lafitte Lane, and Wemple Road.

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

Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 13 on the Bellevue Road Improvements Project No. 2010-277, advising that the plan change results in an additional cost of \$10,147. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve Plan Change No. 13 on the Bellevue Road Improvements Project No. 2010-277, and to authorize the President to execute documents.**

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of February, 2012, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 13 on the Bellevue Road Improvements Project No. 2010-277.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rick Avery, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 13.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of February, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adopt a resolution providing that the Bossier Parish Police Jury will provide local funding in the amount of \$58,000, for the FY2011 LCDBG Street Improvements Project which includes improvements to the Pease Cut-Off Road, East Pease Road, and Pease Road.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of February, 2012, that it does hereby agree to provide local funding in the amount of \$58,000 for the completion of street improvements on Pease Road, East Pease Road and the Pease Cut-Off Road, with the remainder of funding for said street improvements to be provided through the FY2011 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of February, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to ratify authorization for in-house drainage repairs on property located at 920 Highway 80, Haughton, LA, behind the CVS Pharmacy located at the intersection of Highway 80 and Bodcau Station Road, east of the East Highland Mobile Home Park.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to accept the proposal of Coyle Engineering, Inc., in an amount of approximately \$33,147 for engineering and land surveying services for the north and south bound turn lanes along Highway 157 at Johnson Koran Road and Sligo Road.

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

Mr. Larry Landry, Director of Public Utilities, presented proposals from David Volentine and Rob Russell in the total amount of \$34,350 for the appraisal of lift station sites and servitudes for the sewer district. Mr. Landry recommended that the proposals be accepted and advised that this expense is within the project budget. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to accept the proposals of David Volentine and Rob Russell in the total amount of \$34,350 for appraisal of lift station sites and servitudes for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents.**

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of February, 2012, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, the proposals of David Volentine and Rob Russell for appraisal of lift station sites and servitudes for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of February, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt a resolution supporting Anjaneya Hospitality, LLC, northwest quadrant of Traffic Street and Rush Street, Bossier City, and allowing them to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried, with Mr. Cochran opposing.**

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF ANJANEYA HOSPITALITY, LLC, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, and Act 624 and Act 647 of 1997 state the requirements of Louisiana's Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated census Tract 113, Block Group 2 in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787-1791); and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury states that this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the Parish of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, the **attached Enterprise Zone map** has been marked to show the location of the business being endorsed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program, the Bossier Parish Police Jury agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 1st day of February, 2012, that Anjaneya Hospitality, LLC and their project new hotel, northwest quadrant of Traffic Street and Rush Street, Bossier City, Enterprise Zone Application #20111171, is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of February, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to adopt a resolution supporting Jaguar Energy Services, LLC, 1000 Chinaberry Drive, Bossier City, and allowing them to receive the local benefits of the Quality Jobs Program.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried, with Mr. Cochran opposing.**

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF JAGUAR ENERGY SERVICES, LLC, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA QUALITY JOBS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the sales/use tax rebates for the Quality Jobs Program are governed by §51.1787 (Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program); and

WHEREAS, the Quality Jobs Program offers significant incentives for economic development in the State; and

WHEREAS, the business is located within Census Tract 111.04 , Block Group 2 in Bossier Parish which is designated as Enterprise Zone eligible; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury states that this endorsement is in agreement with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for their area; and

WHEREAS, the **attached Census Tract/Block Group map** has been marked to show the location of the business being endorsed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Quality Job Program requirements, the Bossier Parish Police Jury agrees:

- 1. To participate in the Quality Jobs Program.
- 2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 1st day of February, 2012, and endorses Jaguar Energy Services, LLC, Quality Job Application #20111174, to participate in the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of February, 2012.

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PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator, reported on the recent induction of Mr. Billy Montgomery into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame. He congratulated Mr. Montgomery for this prestigious honor.

Mr. Altimus reported on a meeting with representatives of the St. Helena Parish Police Jury regarding their interest in Bossier Parish's weights and standards program, parish noise regulations, and on the parish's permitting system and floodplain management program. He extended appreciation to members of the police jury staff for their assistance in providing the requested information.

Mr. Altimus advised that Mr. Ford and Mr. Jackson have been asked by the Police Jury Association to represent all parishes at a roundtable discussion to be held during the upcoming Police Jury Association Convention.

Mr. Altimus stated that representatives of the Town of Greenwood will be touring the Lawson Bo Brandon Sports Complex, formerly known as the Princeton Sports Complex, advising that the construction of a sports facility in the Town of Greenwood is being considered.

Mr. Altimus reported on meetings in Baton Rouge with the Speaker of the House and with representatives of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Department of Environmental Quality.

Mr. Altimus reported that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Department is offering a pesticide training class for landowners along Lake Bistineau. He stated that the class is being held at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 9961 Highway 80, Minden, LA, on February 18, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. He stated that landowners are required to pre-register in order to attend the class.

Mr. Avery requested that this training be considered for landowners along Cypress-Black Bayou in Benton. Mr. Billy Montgomery offered to research this matter.

Mr. Altimus discussed the advertising for proposals for Fiscal Agent, stating that the selection of a Fiscal Agent may be a complicated process.

Mr. Butch Ford, Parish Engineer, reported on a meeting regarding proposed improvements to the Dogwood Trail bridge, advising that a pedestrian walkway along the bridge is being considered.

Mr. Ford reported that the parish has been authorized to select an additional bridge for placement in the Federal Off-System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program, and recommended that the Koran Doyline Road bridge over Clark Bayou be added to this list. He stated that the cost for improvements to the bridge is approximately \$2 million.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt a resolution placing the Koran Doyline Road bridge over Clark Bayou in the Federal Off-System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program for replacement.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on this 1st day of February, 2012, that it does hereby request and approve placement of the following bridge in Bossier Parish on the Federal Off-System Bridge Rehabilitation Program Priority List for 2011-2013.

Structure No. P0832263932671 Koran Doyline Road Bridge over Clark Bayou, Bossier Parish, LA

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of February, 2012.

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Mr. Ford stated that several bridges in the parish could possibly be replaced with boxed culverts, advising that he will research this matter.

Mr. Ford reported that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is considering implementation of a new program, Right-Sizing the State Highway System, which provides that the State will give a

certain number of State road miles to the parish for permanent maintenance. He stated that the State will bring the roads up to parish standards and provide funds to the parish for maintenance of these roads for 40 years.

Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road and drainage projects in the parish.

Mr. Jackson discussed Vickers Road, advising that a portion of the road is tacitly dedicated to the public. He stated that the parish has not maintained the dedicated portion of Vickers Road for several years, and advised that landowners on the road have requested that the road be improved. He stated that the landowners on Vickers Road have the right to improve the tacitly dedicated portion of the road for their own purpose, or the parish can re-establish the existing dedicated portion of Vickers Road.

Ms. Bennett stated that the road is actively used by the public and the need for a passable road still exists. Mr. Rimmer stated that he would like to tour the road before making a decision, and recommended that a public hearing be scheduled to consider this matter. The scheduling of a public hearing on Vickers Road is to be considered at the February 15, 2012, regular meeting.

Mr. Plummer reported on a workshop held Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at the Bossier City Council Chambers to discuss a proposed park in south Bossier. He stated that positive feedback was received from residents of south Bossier Parish.

Mr. Rimmer expressed appreciation to Mr. Ford for the quick response in addressing drainage issues on Gary Rex Circle and on Bodcau Station Road.

Mr. Rimmer reported on a forum that he and Ms. Bennett attended hosted by the Shreveport-Bossier Film Office. He stated that the forum provided information regarding the status of moviemaking in Northwest Louisiana. Mr. Rimmer stated that there was discussion of the need for local training for jobs in the filmmaking industry, advising that Bossier Parish Community College was discussed.

Ms. Bennett congratulated Mr. Montgomery on his induction into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame.

Mr. Benton asked if there has been any reduction in airfare at the Shreveport Regional Airport due to a reported increase in passengers using the airport. Mr. Montgomery is to review this matter.

Mr. Shewmake requested that a road tour of south Bossier Parish be scheduled.

Mr. Jackson advised that closing of the Department of Environmental Quality loan for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, Parish of Bossier, is planned for the first week of March, 2012.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of February, 2012, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:15 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY