

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES
May 16, 2012

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 16th day of May, 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. Mac Plummer, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Jack Skaggs. 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt the minutes of the April 4, 2012, and the April 18, 2012, regular meetings, and the April 18, 2012, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, recommended that the low bid of Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service, Inc., in the amount of \$696,362.30, be accepted for the Parks Road Relocation Project No. 2012-356. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to award the bid for the Parks Road Relocation Project No. 2012-356, to Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service, Inc., low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on May 14, 2012.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
F. J. Burnell, Inc.	\$721,591.90
Blount Bros. Construction, Inc.	\$723,590.50
Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service, Inc.	\$696,362.30
Best Yet Builders, LLC	\$826,289.22
Benton & Brown, LLC	\$820,359.10

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, recommended that the low bid of F. J. Burnell, Inc., in the amount of \$141,977.50, be accepted for the Poole Road Realignment Project No. 2012-368. He requested that acceptance of the bid be subject to review by the Parish Attorney due to a discrepancy in bid calculations. Mr. Ford stated that F. J. Burnell, Inc., remains the low bidder for this project. **Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to award the bid for the Poole Road Realignment Project No. 2012-368, to F. J. Burnell, Inc., low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on May 14, 2012, subject to review by the Parish Attorney.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
F. J. Burnell, Inc.	\$141,977.50
Blount Bros. Construction, Inc.	\$169,650.00
Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service, Inc.	\$166,137.50
Benton & Brown, LLC	\$185,287.50

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, recommended that the low bid of Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service, Inc., in the amount of \$969,716.10, be accepted for the Palmetto Road Widening – Phase I Project No. 2012-369.

Mr. Cochran recommended that shoulders be considered on road projects in the parish to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. Ms. Bennett stated that in this area, pedestrians and cyclists have no where to go during heavy traffic and are forced to get off the road. She recommended that shoulders be considered in the future. Mr. Ford stated that including the construction of shoulders will increase the cost of the project substantially, and recommended that this matter be referred to the Road/Subdivision Regulation Committee for study.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to award the bid for the Palmetto Road Widening – Phase I Project No. 2012-369, to Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service, Inc., low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on May 14, 2012.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
F. J. Burnell, Inc.	\$1,141,768.70
Blount Bros. Construction, Inc.	\$1,051,616.10
Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service, Inc.	\$ 969,716.10

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 1012 Chase Way, Benton, LA. Mr. Mike Vetkoetter, Bossier Parish Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property and advised that there have been no changes in the condition of this property.

Mr. John Morris, Attorney for Wells Fargo, stated that the property is scheduled to be sold at the Sheriff's sale in Bossier Parish on May 30, 2012, and that Wells Fargo will be submitting a bid to purchase the property at that time.

He requested additional time in which to clean up the property, pending the outcome of the Sheriff's sale. Mr. Morris requested that the jury delay any liens on the property at this time. He stated that Wells Fargo is not authorized to clean the property, and stated that there is a possibility that a third party could take possession of the property. After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to proceed with the condemnation of property at 1012 Chase Way, Benton, LA, in accordance with property standards regulations, and to suspend clean-up efforts, fines and liens by the parish until further review at the June 6, 2012, regular meeting.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** The matter will be reviewed at the June 6, 2012, regular meeting.

Mr. Mike Vetkoetter, Property Standards Officer, reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review, advising that it is recommended that a hearing be scheduled to consider condemnation of property at 173 Barnard Circle, Haughton, LA. **Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to schedule a condemnation hearing on June 6, 2012, to consider condemnation of property located at 173 Barnard Circle, Haughton, LA.**

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

Mr. Glenn Benton, Chairman of the Water Study/Landfill Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Cook and Mr. Brotherton were present. He stated that representatives from Village Water System, Mr. Butch Ford, Mr. Bill Altimus and Mr. Larry Landry were also present.

Mr. Benton stated that Village Water System has agreed to collect sewer fees for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 as stated in the proposed lease agreement.

Mr. Benton stated that it has been recommended that the committee consider a seasonal averaging plan for sewer rates. A meeting of the Water Study/Landfill Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury is scheduled for May 22, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., to consider a seasonal averaging plan for sewer rates.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to ratify and accept the recommendation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Board of Appeals on May 2, 2012, to uphold the findings of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Commanding Officer in the matter of Paul Allen Trucking, Report Nos. 366 and 382, issued on February 28, 2012, and March 16, 2012.

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

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to accept the streets and drainage in Turtle Creek Subdivision, Unit No. 2, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4428

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 16th day of May, 2012, has received a request from F. J. Burnell, Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Turtle Creek Subdivision, Unit No. 2, Bossier Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the said streets and drainage have been completed in accordance with the specifications of the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, a two-year maintenance bond has been executed in favor of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to guarantee against failure of said streets and drainage as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 110, Section 110-201 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinance.

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of F. J. Burnell, Inc., including labor and materials, for the above captioned streets and drainage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish maintenance system for continuous maintenance, streets and drainage located in Turtle Creek Subdivision, Unit No. 2, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

- Caiden Street – 0.116 mile
- Danielle Drive – 0.246 mile

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this ordinance be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, together with the maintenance bond.

The Ordinance was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of May, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 18 on the Bellevue Road Improvements Project No. 2010-277, advising that the plan change results in an additional cost of \$68,000. He stated that this plan change includes the cost for removal of approximately 40 dead trees in the parish right-of-way along Bellevue Road, as well as mulching and spraying grass seed. Mr. Ford stated that there are also two dead trees behind the East 80 Library on Bellevue Road, and he will obtain a cost for removal of those trees as well.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve Plan Change No. 18 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 16th day of May, 2012, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 18 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. 18.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of May, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to adopt a resolution authorizing William Altimus, Parish Administrator, to execute a Water Line Lease Agreement between Village Water System, Inc., Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, and the Bossier Parish Police Jury, subject to review by the Parish Attorney.

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 16th day of May, 2012, that it does hereby authorize William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a Water Line Lease Agreement between Village Water System, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of Bossier Parish and the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of May, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to adopt a resolution accepting State Project No. 744-08-0005/H.007399, FAP No. 0807(500), North Bossier Shared Use Trail, as satisfactorily complete, and accepting the North Bossier shared Use Trail into the parish maintenance system for permanent maintenance.

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF STATE PROJECT NO. 744-08-0005/H.007399, FAP NO. 0807(500) REGARDING NORTH BOSSIER SHARED USE TRAIL, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, a final inspection of the State Project No. 744-08-0005/H.007399, FAP. No. 0807(500) entitled North Bossier Shared Use Trail, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, was made on May 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, all phases of work under the contract with F. J. Burnell, Inc., concerning the State Project No. 744-08-0005/H.007399, FAP. No. 0807(500) entitled North Bossier Shared Use Trail, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, is final; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana requires a resolution of completion, satisfaction, and acceptance of said work by the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish will maintain North Bossier Shared Use Trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the State Project No. 744-08-0005/H.007399, FAP. No. 0807(500) entitled North Bossier Shared Use Trail, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, as satisfactorily completed in accordance with the contract with F. J. Burnell, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bossier Parish will now maintain the work of the project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator and President or his designated representative for the Parish of Bossier is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents pertaining to the final acceptance of this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications 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 this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of May, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

ORDINANCE NO. 4429

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING NORTH BOSSIER SHARED USE TRAIL INTO THE BOSSIER PARISH MAINTENANCE SYSTEM FOR PERMANENT MAINTENANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 16th day of May, 2012, that the following shared use trail be and is hereby accepted into the Bossier Parish Maintenance System for permanent maintenance:

NORTH BOSSIER SHARED USE TRAIL – 0.9 mile

Located off the Old Brownlee Road, in Section 4, Township 18 North, and Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of May, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to adopt a resolution supporting DBMC Restaurants of Bossier City, Louisiana, LLC, 3010 Airline Drive, 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 DBMC RESTAURANTS OF BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA, 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 106.01, Block Group 1 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 16th day of May, 2012, that DBMC Restaurants of Bossier City, Louisiana, LLC and their project new restaurant, 3010 Airline Drive, Bossier City, Enterprise Zone Application #20120777, 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. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of May, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to schedule a public hearing on June 20, 2012, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 15, located in Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to schedule a public hearing on June 20, 2012, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of The Crossing at Wemple Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Sections 32 and 33, Township 19 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 discussed the status of several parish projects. Mr. Altimus stressed the importance of completing the Sligo Road Extension Project, stating that the completion of this road is vital for the future growth of the parish.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to authorize the advertising for bids for the following projects, bid dates to be determined at a later date:

- 1) North and South Turn Lane, LA Highway 157 at Johnson Koran Road and Sligo Road Project No. 2012-385.
- 2) Bayou Bend/Cross Creek/Oak Creek Subdivisions, Concrete Street Repair Project No. 2012-367.
- 3) Catch Basins-Multiple Locations (Bridgewater Bay/Dogwood Park Subdivisions) Drainage Project No. 2012-358.
- 4) Bay Hills North & South Subdivisions, Concrete Street Repair Project No. 2012-366.
- 5) Creekside Subdivision, Concrete Street Repair Project No. 2012-364.
- 6) Melville Place Subdivision, Unit No. 1, Concrete Street Repair Project No. 2012-363.
- 7) Preston Bay Turnout Project No. 2012-365.
- 8) Gray Duck Subdivision, Jennifer Lane, Drainage Project No. 2012-360.
- 9) Chmielewski, Earnest, 8603 Dogwood Trail, Drainage Project No. 2012-359.

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

Mr. Ford advised that a noise complaint has been reported at the site of the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension project, and stated that the issue has been resolved.

Mr. Ford advised that drainage repairs in Country Place Subdivision will be done in-house.

Mr. Jackson stated that Senator Mary Landrieu has requested a comprehensive decade investment spreadsheet for Bossier Parish and Bossier City water, sewer and infrastructure projects. Mr. Ford is to review this request.

Mr. Hammack requested information on the proposed Highway 71 acceleration lane project. Mr. Ford stated that the project is being considered in an effort to improve traffic flow at the new Parkway High School. He stated that the Bossier Parish School Board is in the process of hiring a traffic consultant to further review the projected traffic flow at this location when the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway is opened.

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. He stated that 3.85 miles of the 2012 Road Overlay Program are now complete.

Mr. Rimmer requested additional information regarding the rate schedule for sewer fees for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1. Mr. Jackson stated that if the jury desires to pursue a seasonal averaging plan for sewer fees, the ordinance setting sewer fees will need to be amended.

Mr. Cochran provided a report on the Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau's 2012 P.R.I.D.E. Awards Dinner he recently attended.

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Benton, to adopt a resolution of appreciation to Ms. Helen Black for her contributions to Bossier Parish, and extending its congratulations and well wishes in her retirement.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Helen Black has been an outstanding citizen of Bossier Parish for many years; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Black has graciously served in countless areas of community service and development, and has donated her time volunteering to serve others while always striving for the betterment of Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, throughout her participation and involvement in the community, Ms. Black has been an invaluable leader and her many accomplishments are sincerely appreciated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on this 16th day of May, 2012, that it does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Ms. Helen Black for her contributions to Bossier Parish, and does extend its congratulations and wish her well in her retirement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on the 16th day of May, 2012.

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Mr. Cochran and Mr. Avery referred to the recent deaths of Mr. Vincent Billy "Pete" Glorioso and Mr. C. T. "Tommy" Scarborough, and recommended that the police jury adopt resolutions in honor of the memory of Mr. Glorioso and Mr. Scarborough for their many years of service as members of the Bossier Parish Police Jury. The preparation of resolutions honoring Mr. Glorioso and Mr. Scarborough was authorized for presentation at a later date.

Mr. Benton reported that there were 81 baseball/softball teams with approximately 900 children ranging from the ages of 6-14 that participated in a tournament recently held at the Lawson Bo Brandon Sports Complex, formally known as the Princeton Sports Complex.

Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, extended appreciation to Ms. Michelle Marcotte, The Times, for her report on the upcoming auction of parish adjudicated property and equipment from the Bossier Parish Highway Department.

Mr. Jackson provided a report on meetings recently held in Washington, D.C.

Finance Committee Meeting – May 16, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 16th day of May, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with all members present.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$9,056.94 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of April, 2012, as follows:

Bobby Brannon Heating & Air Conditioning	\$5,438.00
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Swan Lake Hardware, LLC	\$ 10.79
Giglio Plumbing Co., Inc.	\$ 293.00
Louisiana Key & Lock Service	\$ 11.25
R E Michel Company, Inc.	\$ 48.60
Bobby Brannon Heating & Air Conditioning	\$2,048.00

The Chairman called for public comment. Ms. Bennett requested additional information pertaining to repetitive charges from various service companies. Mr. Altimus stated that due to the age of the building, maintenance services are frequently required.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of April, 2012.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, that Mr. Skaggs will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$750, Ms. Bennett will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$500, Mr. Rimmer will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$750, and Mr. Cochran will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$500, for a total of \$2,500, to Stockwell Place Elementary for the

purchase of a new digital sign.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to authorize an expenditure from the Highway Fund to purchase dirt, as needed, at the practice soccer field at Airline High School.

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

Mr. Altimus, Parish Administrator, presented a request from the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission for funding support in its potential bid to host the FLW Bass Championship. He stated that the event is similar to the Bassmaster Classic, and is scheduled to be held in August of 2013. Mr. Altimus stated that Horseshoe Casino has offered rooms and banquet facilities for the event and stated that the weigh-in event will be held at the CenturyLink Center. Mr. Avery stated that he understands that other entities have offered support, and stated that the economic impact of this event will be tremendous.

After further discussion, motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve an appropriation of \$30,000 in the 2013 budget to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission for support in its potential bid to host the FLW Bass Championship in August of 2013.

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

Mr. Altimus presented a request from KTBS Channel 3 for financial assistance with the 2012 Independence Day Festival on July 4th. He stated that KTBS is always very supportive in its media coverage of Bossier Parish, and advised that Channel 3 is responsible for most of the costs associated with this event. After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Cochran, to approve an expenditure of \$25,000 from the General Fund for the 2012 Independence Day Festival on July 4th sponsored by KTBS Channel 3.**

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

Mr. Avery discussed funding to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission, stating that it is his understanding that the police jury committed a one-time contribution of funds to the Commission, in addition to providing supplemental funds as requested. Mr. Altimus is to research this matter.

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of May, 2012, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 2:55 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY