

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 7th day of March, 2018, 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. Fred Shewmake, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Rick Avery. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Rachel Hauser, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Jerome Darby
Ms. Wanda Bennett	Mr. Mac Plummer
Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Mr. Tom Salzer
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Fred Shewmake
Mr. Sonny Cook, Excused	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. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary.

Representative Raymond Crews provided an update on the recent Louisiana Legislature Special Session, advising that the Special Session ended with no additional taxes being levied against the citizens of the State of Louisiana. He stated that Medicaid reform and transparency bills were requested during the Special Session, but those requests were not approved. Representative Crews stated that it is anticipated that those requests will be resubmitted.

Representative Crews provided information on appropriations.

Mr. Ford recommended that the low bid of Best Yet Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$13,906,955.30, be accepted for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North-South Corridor Swan Lake Rd (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, Louisiana. He stated that the estimated construction cost for this project is \$14,785,516.00. **Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Avery, to award the bid for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North-South Corridor Swan Lake Rd (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, Louisiana, to Best Yet Builders, LLC, low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on February 7, 2018, and authorize the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents in connection with said project.**

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:
Best Yet Builders, LLC	\$13,906,955.30
Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service, Inc.	\$13,994,093.21
James Construction Group, LLC	\$17,276,932.91
WL Bass Construction, Inc.	\$17,726,791.25
JB James Construction, LLC	\$20,386,495.45

STATE PROJECT NO: H.003854.6-R1
PARISH OF BOSSIER

RESOLUTION

Bossier Parish Police Jury

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 7th day of March, 2018, that it does hereby recommend acceptance of the low bid of Best Yet Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$13,906,955.30 for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North-South Corridor Swan Lake Rd (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North-South Corridor Swan Lake Rd (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of March, 2018.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Bella Vista Subdivision, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. This matter was tabled on February 21, 2018.

Mr. Ford stated that a drainage study has not been submitted for the proposed development and recommended that this matter be removed from the agenda. **Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to remove from the agenda, the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Bella Vista Subdivision, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 21, 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.**

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the Harris Minor Plat, located in Section 33, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., requested approval to subdivide a five-acre tract of land into two tracts. He stated that a residence currently exists on the proposed one-acre tract, and a second residence is planned on the proposed 3.988-acre tract of land.

Mr. Ford stated that Cummings Drive, a 60-foot wide servitude of passage, is a private gravel road and it is understood that the parish will never maintain Cummings Drive.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the Harris Minor Plat, located in Section 33, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, with the understanding that the Bossier Parish Police Jury will never maintain Cummings Drive, a private gravel road.

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

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Woodlake Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, being a resubdivision of Lots 4 and 5, Woodlake Subdivision, located in Sections 3 and 10, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that Lots 4 and 5 have an existing residence on each lot. He stated that the owner of Lot 5 is requesting to build an enclosed garage on the side of her home, but the garage would encroach on a plotted 20-foot setback. Mr. Coyle stated that the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission only requires a five-foot setback. He stated that the owner of Lot 5 obtained approval from the homeowners association for an enclosed garage and reduction of the setback on Lot 5 from 20 feet to 10 feet.

Mr. Coyle stated that the property line between Lots 4 and 5 need to be adjusted in order to allow construction of the enclosed garage. He stated that the owner of Lot 4 has agreed to the relocation of the lot line for the garage, and in turn an adjustment will be made to the lot line towards the front of the lots so that the sprinklers for Lot 4 will be located on Lot 4 as they are currently located on Lot 5. He stated that the requested lot line adjustments will not increase or decrease the size of the lots. He further stated that the decrease in the setback from 20 feet to 10 feet will be on Lot 5 only.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Woodlake Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, being a resubdivision of Lots 4 and 5, Woodlake Subdivision, located in Sections 3 and 10, 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 with the following vote recorded:**

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Cook

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the Minor Plat for Cody Duke, located in Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Cody Duke requested approval to subdivide a two-acre tract of land from a larger tract of land to build a home. Mr. Ford stated that a portion of Jones Road is parish maintained, but the portion leading up to Mr. Duke's property is private and is not maintained by the parish.

Mr. Ford stated that a 30-foot private right-of-entry is planned to be dedicated by the surrounding property owners to allow Mr. Duke access to his two-acre tract of land. He stated that it is understood that the parish will never maintain the 30-foot private right-of-entry off Jones Road.

Mr. Jackson requested that parish records be researched to determine if the parish ever maintained all of Jones Road.

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the Minor Plat for Cody Duke, located in Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA, with the understanding that the Bossier Parish Police Jury will never maintain the 30-foot private right-of-entry off Jones Road.

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

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider the application of Lucy Conger to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of Willow Trace Subdivision, Unit No. 5, Lots 1-3, from R-E, Residential Estate District, to R-A, Residence Agricultural District, Bossier Parish, LA, to allow for horses.

Ms. Lucy Conger requested approval for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of Lots 1-3, Willow Trace Subdivision, Unit No. 5, from R-E to R-A to allow for horses.

Ms. Conger stated that the covenants for Willow Trace Subdivision, Unit No. 5, provide certain restrictions for horses on property zoned R-A in the subdivision. Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown, Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that the covenants do allow for horses on lots zoned R-A, and recommended approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the application of Lucy Conger to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of Willow Trace Subdivision, Unit No. 5, Lots 1-3, from R-E, Residential Estate District, to R-A, Residence Agricultural District, Bossier Parish, LA, to allow for horses.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4675

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BOSSIER PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 3908 OF 2003, WHICH ADOPTED A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE BOSSIER CITY-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, LOUISIANA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF WILLOW TRACE SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 5, LOTS 1-3, FROM R-E, RESIDENTIAL ESTATE DISTRICT, TO R-A, RESIDENCE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, BOSSIER PARISH, LA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 7th day of March, 2018, that Ordinance No. 3908 of 2003 (Unified Development Code) of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of Willow Trace Subdivision, Unit No. 5, Lots 1-3, from R-E, Residential Estate District, to R-A, Residence Agricultural District, Bossier Parish, LA, being more particularly described as follows:

Willow Trace Subdivision, Unit No. 5, being a resubdivision of Lot 2, Willow Trace Subdivision, Unit No. 2-A, and being a subdivision of an adjacent tract of land located in Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Applicant: Lucy Conger
Purpose: To allow for horses

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of March, 2018.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider the application of the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission to adopt a new Zoning Map as the official zoning map of the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the application of the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission to adopt a new Zoning Map as the official zoning map of the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4676

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126, SECTION 126-692, BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES (ORDINANCE NO. 922 OF 1981), THE BENTON-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING REGULATIONS, TO ADOPT A NEW ZONING MAP

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 7th day of March, 2018, that Chapter 126, Section 126-692 "Zoning Map", of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances (Ordinance No. 922 of 1981) is hereby amended to adopt a new zoning map of Benton and Vicinity, which map is hereby made a part of this article, by reference, and is on file in the office of the planning commission.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all other parts of Section 126-692 shall remain in full force and effect.

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of March, 2018.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Jack Skaggs, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee. Committee members attending the Finance Committee meeting were Mr. Skaggs, Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, and Mr. Shewmake. Mr. Bobby Edmiston, Mr. Scott Stephenson, Mr. Joe Buffington, Mr. Altimus, Mr. Ford, Mr. Warren Saucier, Mr. Pat Culverhouse, Ms. Hauser, Ms. Jessica Aldridge, Ms. Julie Gill, Ms. Jennifer Sadler, Mr. Philip Murphy, Mr. Dale Sale, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Frank Rougeau, and Ms. Ashley Busada were also present.

Mr. Skaggs stated that the committee discussed the Louisiana Industrial Tax Exemption Program and new regulations created by Governor John Bel Edwards by Executive Order last year. He stated that approval from school boards, parishes, sheriffs' departments and municipalities are now required for a company to participate in the Louisiana Industrial Tax Exemption Program. Mr. Skaggs stated that the consensus of the committee is that the incentive of allowing a Louisiana Industrial Tax Exemption is job creation.

Mr. Skaggs stated that the committee also discussed proposed upgrades to facilities at parish parks.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to ratify and accept the recommendation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Board of Appeals on February 21, 2018, in the matter of Schlumberger Tech Corp./P&LS d/b/a Cameron Logistics, Report No. 1928, issued on November 8, 2017, Report No. 1935, issued on November 6, 2017, and Report Nos. 1957 and 1958, issued on December 20, 2017.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to accept the resignation of Ms. Freddie Cherry from the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control effective March 22, 2018, and to adopt a resolution of appreciation to Ms. Cherry for her years of service on the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Freddie Cherry has resigned from the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control; and
 WHEREAS, Ms. Cherry has served in this capacity since her appointment by the police jury on April 16, 2003, and has worked diligently in serving the Bossier Parish Library and the citizens of Bossier Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 7th day of March, 2018, that it does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Ms. Freddie Cherry for her years of dedicated service as a member of the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control, and does thank her for her willingness to serve the citizens of Bossier Parish in this capacity.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of March, 2018.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
 PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
 BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Brotherton requested that the agenda be amended to consider the appointment of Ms. Sally Namie to the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Freddie Cherry.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to amend the agenda to consider the appointment of Ms. Sally Namie to the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Freddie Cherry, effective March 22, 2018, term to expire October 1, 2018.

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

- AYES:** Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
- NAYS:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** Mr. Cook

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to appoint Ms. Sally Namie to the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Freddie Cherry, effective March 22, 2018, term to expire October 1, 2018.

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

Ms. Hauser advised that two resumes have been received for consideration for appointment to Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 Board of Directors to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. James Vanderberry. She stated that the resumes received are from Mr. Victor J. Gianfala, IV, and Mr. John Mark Robertson.

Ms. Bennett nominated Mr. Victor J. Gianfala, IV, as the appointment to the Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 Board of Directors.

Mr. Avery stated that the police jury previously committed to appointing Mr. John Mark Robertson to the Board of Directors if another vacancy became available.

After further discussion, jurors were asked to cast their votes for an appointment to the Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 Board of Directors to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. James Vanderberry. Those in favor of Mr. Gianfala were asked to vote red. Those in favor of Mr. Robertson were asked to vote green. Results are as follows:

- For Mr. Gianfala: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake
- For Mr. Robertson: Mr. Avery, Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Skaggs
- No Vote Recorded: Mr. Rimmer
- Absent: Mr. Cook

Mr. Benton stated that the majority voted to approve the appointment of Mr. John Mark Robertson as the appointment to the Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 Board of Directors to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. James Vanderberry, term to expire March 1, 2019.

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to reschedule the May 2, 2018, regular police jury meeting to Thursday, May 3, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. due to the Police Jury Association of Louisiana's Annual Legislative Day.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Avery, to adopt an ordinance extending the franchise agreement of Southwestern Electric Power Company with Bossier Parish for a period of 25 years, and authorize the execution of documents.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4677

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE, RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE TO SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION AUTHORIZED TO DO AND DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, WITH ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, THE RIGHT TO SELL, DISTRIBUTE AND TRANSMIT ELECTRIC ENERGY AND ELECTRIC CURRENT, FOR ALL PURPOSES FOR WHICH ELECTRIC ENERGY OR CURRENT MAY BE USED, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO ERECT, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPAIR, REMOVE AND REPLACE POLES, WIRES, CONDUITS, TRANSFORMERS AND OTHER ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES IN, OVER, UNDER, ALONG AND THROUGH ANY OF THE PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, HIGHWAYS, GROUNDS AND PUBLIC PLACES OF BOSSIER PARISH (EXCEPT STATE HIGHWAYS AND THOSE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF AN INCORPORATED CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE), AND FIXING THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS RELATIVE TO SAID FRANCHISE, RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE.

SECTION 1: BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, in regular session legally convened on this 7th day of March, 2018, that there is hereby granted to SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, Grantee, a Delaware corporation authorized to do and doing business in the State of Louisiana, with its principal office in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, its successors and assigns, and it is hereby granted for a period of twenty-five (25) years, beginning July 1, 2018, the right to sell, distribute and transmit electric energy and electric current in, through and beyond the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (within the limits thereof as same may now or hereafter lawfully exist), including the right to erect, maintain, operate, repair, remove and replace poles, wires, conduits, transformers, and other equipment, over, in, under, along and through any of the highways, roads, streets, alleys, avenues, sidewalks, bridges, public grounds and public places of said Grantor (except state highways and those within any incorporated city, town or village), for said purposes.

SECTION 2: BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that this franchise, right and privilege is granted subject to the supervision of the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, and under the following terms, stipulations and conditions:

(a) If said highways should be disturbed or damaged by the fault or negligence of Grantee, in the erection, construction or maintenance of any work done under this franchise, then the same shall be promptly replaced and repaired by the Grantee herein, its successors and assigns, at its expense.

(b) That in the erection, construction and maintenance of any work done under this franchise, no trees along said roads or highways shall be cut or trimmed without first obtaining the consent of the adjoining land owners upon whose properties said trees may be situated, except that all trees and obstructions within any road right of way itself may be trimmed to the extent reasonably required to protect the safety and integrity of Grantee's lines and facilities without the necessity of obtaining any further permission.

(c) That the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall, whenever it becomes necessary, remove or change the location of any of said poles or lines for the purpose of highway improvements, when it is requested to do so in writing by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, without any expense to said Police Jury; and that in case said Grantee, its successors and assigns, would at any time desire to abandon said electric transmission lines and remove the same from the road or highway, then, and in that event, it shall repair all damage done to the said road or highway by said abandonment or removal at its own expense.

(d) That the Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall indemnify, protect and hold the Parish of Bossier harmless for any loss, damages or expenses which it may incur as the result of any deliberate failure by Grantee to perform the lawful obligations assumed by it under this franchise.

SECTION 3: BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, in regular session, legally convened, that this ordinance and franchise shall have full force and effect from and after its adoption and shall extend for a period of twenty-five (25) years, and ending July 1, 2043.

SECTION 4: BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, in regular session, legally convened, that all ordinances or parts of ordinances contrary to or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Upon motion by Mr. Rimmer, second by Mr. Avery, and vote, the ordinance was duly adopted on this 7th day of March, 2018.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt a resolution commending the Louisiana Military Department and the Louisiana National Guard for contributing to the economic well-being of this region and its citizens and for providing quality, necessary military training for the members of our military, recognizing and recording for posterity that the Louisiana Military Department and the Louisiana National Guard are the most significant economic development activities located at Camp Minden, pledging support to the Louisiana Military Department and the Louisiana National Guard economic efforts and military training activities on Camp Minden, encouraging continued improvement and enhancing economic development and military training activities on Camp Minden, and encouraging obtaining all funding required for completion of Phase 2, Phase 3, and Phase 4 (total estimated cost of \$77.2 million) of the Regional Training Institute on Camp Minden.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant, formerly known as the Louisiana Ordnance Plant, produced munitions to support the war efforts of the United States of America during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War and, in so doing, provided employment for thousands of workers in northwest Louisiana, south Arkansas, and east Texas, and

WHEREAS, from 1941 until 1996, the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant served as a major stimulus to the economy of northwest Louisiana, south Arkansas and east Texas, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant was placed in in-active status in 1996 and, in 2005, transferred from the United States Government to the State of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, following the transfer of the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant became known as the Camp Minden Training Site, and the Governor of the State of Louisiana charged the Louisiana Military Department with operational control of the installation, and

WHEREAS, since the transfer, the Louisiana Military Department has attracted and retained 17 businesses and organizations, which, when combined with the Louisiana Military Department and Louisiana National Guard staffs, account for a total of 438 employees, and

WHEREAS, the Camp Minden military component accounts for a regional direct economic impact of more than \$28.2 million annually in payroll and vendor sales; and

WHEREAS, between 2005 and 2017, Military Construction on Camp Minden has resulted in the following: 1) construction of the Armed Forces Readiness Center (completed in 2012 - total cost \$30 million); 2) Regional Training Institute, Phase 1 (completed in 2011 - total cost \$23.8 million), 3) Military Training Ranges (completed in 2010 - total cost \$1.5 million); 4) Troop Barracks and Officer's Quarter's (completed in 2008/09 - total cost - \$2.1 million); and 5) Multi-use Dining Facility (completed in 2009: total cost \$5.9 million), for a total Military Construction cost of \$63.3 million, and

WHEREAS, the Regional Training Institute will provide training for approximately 8,000 military students annually, and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual budget for the Regional Training Institute includes \$9.5 million in tax revenue over a 10-year period; \$12 million for purchase of goods and services, \$5 million operating cost and \$8 million payroll, thus infusing a total of over \$25 million into the regional economy, and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Regional Training Institute, Phase 1, construction, which included land clearing, site preparation and shaping; infrastructure (water, plumbing, and electrical service); central heating and cooling plant building; one classroom building; and one dormitory were completed for a total Federally funded cost of \$23.8 million.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby commend the Louisiana Military Department and the Louisiana National Guard for contributing to the economic well-being of this region and its citizens and for providing quality, necessary military training for the members of our military; and does hereby recognize and record for posterity that the Louisiana Military Department and the Louisiana National Guard are the most significant economic development activities located at Camp Minden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury pledges support to the Louisiana Military Department and the Louisiana National Guard economic efforts and military training activities on Camp Minden and encourages the Louisiana Military Department and the Louisiana National Guard to continue improving and enhancing economic development and military training activities on Camp Minden, and encourages the Louisiana Military Department and the Louisiana National Guard, the Honorable Governor John Bel Edwards, the Honorable Senator Bill Cassidy, the Honorable Senator John Kennedy, and the Honorable Congressman Mike Johnson to obtain all funding required for completion of Phase 2, Phase 3 and Phase 4 (total estimated cost of \$77.2 million) of the Regional Training Institute on Camp Minden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General, State of Louisiana, the Honorable Governor John Bel Edwards, the Honorable Senator Bill Cassidy, the Honorable Senator John Kennedy, the Honorable Congressman Mike Johnson, and to the Louisiana State Legislative Representatives in northwest Louisiana.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of March, 2018.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford reported that several requests have been made in the last two months for removal of gates on Burns Cemetery Road and Hawkins Cemetery Road. He stated that the road sign on Burns Cemetery Road is green which indicates a parish maintained road.

Mr. Ford reported that land was recently purchased off Hawkins Cemetery Road with plans to build a home on the property. He stated that the property owner has requested access to his property due to a locked gate across the road, and requested that the parish improve Hawkins Cemetery Road.

Mr. Ford stated that Ms. Hauser researched parish minutes, but was unable to find any reference to the parish accepting Hawkins Cemetery Road or Burns Cemetery Road into the parish road system for maintenance. He further stated that there is no record in the highway department that shows the parish has ever maintained either of the roads.

Mr. Ford stated that it is the recommendation of the Parish Attorney that parish records be researched thoroughly to determine if the parish, at any time in the past, graded the roads or provided any maintenance whatsoever to the roads. Mr. Benton asked who owns the property the roads are located on. Mr. Ford stated that the roads are tacitly dedicated roads and are located on private property. He stated that if the parish determines that the roads are parish roads, the gates will be removed immediately and the parish will begin maintaining the roads.

Mr. Jackson stated that if it is determined that the parish has maintained these roads in the past, the police jury will be able to require that any gate on a parish roadway be removed immediately to allow access.

Mr. Matt Atkins stated that he recently purchased property at the end of Hawkins Cemetery Road. He requested clarification as to the ownership of Hawkins Cemetery Road. Mr. Jackson stated that a green road sign indicates a parish

owned road, and that Hawkins Cemetery Road has a green road sign. He stated that it has not yet been determined if the parish ever maintained any portion of Hawkins Cemetery Road, but if proof can be found of parish maintenance of the road for three years with no objections during that time, the road becomes a tacitly dedicated road and considered a parish road.

Mr. Atkins asked if it is determined that Hawkins Cemetery Road is a public road, will the parish begin maintaining the road. Mr. Jackson stated that if it is determined that the road is a public road, it will allow all property owners of land off Hawkins Cemetery Road use of the road to access their land. He stated that there are a number of roads in the parish that are public roads, but are not maintained by the parish. Mr. Jackson stated that a public road grants property owners the opportunity to use the road to access their property, but if it is determined that the road is private, the owner of the property in which the road is located on has the right to place a gate on the road.

Mr. Jackson provided additional information as to what will need to be done if it is determined that the road is private.

Mr. Atkins stated that when he purchased the property, he contacted the police jury office on two separate occasions and was advised on both occasions that Hawkins Cemetery Road was a public road. He stated that he plans to build a home on the property, and the road needs to be improved.

Mr. Jackson stated that further review of parish records is needed prior to any decisions being made on Hawkins Cemetery Road.

Jurors were provided a copy of district highway reports.

Mr. Altimus reported that a Joint Budget Meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2018, and it is anticipated that the new entrance gate off I-20/I-220 into Barksdale Air Force Base will be discussed.

Mr. Altimus stated that information has been provided by Ms. Stacey Brown, Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, pertaining to an opportunity for the Shreveport/Bossier area to host the Ms. Teen USA and Ms. USA pageants. He stated that if the Shreveport/Bossier area is chosen to host the pageants, the police jury, as well as the City of Bossier City, City of Shreveport, and the Caddo Parish Commission, will be requested to participate in the costs associated with hosting these events.

Mr. Altimus stated that hosting these events would give national exposure to the Shreveport/Bossier area, and the events would have a positive economic impact for the Shreveport/Bossier area. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the police jury to participate in the cost for Shreveport/Bossier to host the events. He stated that he will provide information as it becomes available to him.

Ms. Hauser stated that the Police Jury Association Legislative Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2018, in Baton Rouge, LA, and requested that jurors contact her if they plan to attend.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the Acceleration Lane on US 71, Planning and Construction (Bossier), FP&C Project No. 50-J08-14-02.

Mr. Ford reported that a Notice to Proceed has been issued for the demolition of nine homes which have been approved for funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. He stated that the purchase of additional homes is forthcoming.

Mr. Ford reported that meetings are being held weekly for the sewer district.

Mr. Ford stated that a meeting will be scheduled for the end of March with Restore Louisiana to discuss the possibility of the parish being reimbursed 25 percent of the costs associated with the purchase and demolition of homes damaged from the recent flood events. He stated that the 25 percent reimbursement would be from Louisiana Community Block Grant funds.

Mr. Ford provided a report on paved roads damaged from the recent flood events.

Mr. Mark Coutee, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish. He stated that crews have made approximately 18,000 sand bags in the last three days.

Ms. Bennett reported that the Bossier Parish Police Jury 2017 Annual Report is available to the public.

Mr. Benton presented a letter from Mr. Sonny Cook resigning his seat as District 4 police juror due to personal health issues and health issues with his wife. He stated that the resignation is effective Thursday, March 8, 2018.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to amend the agenda to consider acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Sonny Cook as District 4 police juror.

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

AYES: Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Cook

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to accept the resignation of Mr. Sonny Cook as District 4 police juror.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to accept resumes until 4:30 p.m. on March 19, 2018, to fill Mr. Cook's unexpired term until a special election can be called. Applicants will be asked to attend the March 21, 2018, regular meeting, at which time an interim appointment will be made.

The President 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 adopt a resolution of appreciation to Mr. Sonny Cook for his years of service to citizens of Bossier Parish as District 4 police juror.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Sonny Cook has resigned as District 4 police juror of the Bossier Parish Police Jury effective March 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook was elected by the citizens of Bossier Parish District 4 on November 19, 2011, with his term beginning in January of 2012, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook has witnessed tremendous growth and change in Bossier Parish during his tenure and has always worked diligently to serve the citizens in Bossier Parish District 4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 7th day of March, 2018, that it does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Sonny Cook for his many years of loyal service to the citizens of Bossier Parish as Police Juror for District 4, and does extend its deepest gratitude to Mr. Cook for his willingness to serve in this capacity.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of March, 2018.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Benton stated that Mr. Cook expressed his sincere appreciation to the Bossier Parish Police Jury staff for their hard work and dedication to Bossier Parish.

Mr. Jackson requested to amend the agenda to consider adoption of a resolution opposing the enactment of HB 190 which has been pre-filed for the 2018 Louisiana Legislative Session and to request the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives and Senate to vote against said bill.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to amend the agenda to consider adoption of a resolution opposing the enactment of HB 190 which has been pre-filed for the 2018 Louisiana Legislative Session and to request the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives and Senate to vote against said bill.

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

AYES: Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Cook

Mr. Jackson stated that Mr. Schuyler Marvin, Bossier/Webster Parish District Attorney, requested that proposed HB 190 be researched. He stated that HB 190 was intended to be a statewide bill, but was re-advertised to encompass Bossier, Caddo and Webster Parishes only.

Mr. Jackson stated that due to the lack of criminal court funds, the general fund subsidizes the criminal court fund by approximately 50 percent of the costs. He stated that the District Attorneys have created a diversion program for defendants who qualify in an effort to help generate revenues and reduce the overall expenses and time for the criminal court system. Mr. Jackson stated that the diversion program is offered and handled solely by the District Attorneys' Offices, and if the defendant completes the diversion program, they are required to pay fines which are paid directly to the District Attorneys' Offices.

Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury pays 100 percent of the costs of the District Attorney's Office, and funds generated from the diversion program decreases the amount of funds needed from the general fund.

Mr. Jackson stated that if HB 190 is passed, the funds from the diversion program, which is handled 100 percent by the District Attorneys' Offices, will go into a flee-split system where the fines paid will go to different agencies. He stated that the District Attorneys' Offices feel that since the diversion program is handled solely by the District Attorneys' Offices and their staff, the fines paid for the diversion program should not be given to other agencies.

Mr. Jackson stated that the District Attorney's Office has requested that the police jury adopt a resolution opposing HB 190, and that Caddo Parish Commission and Webster Parish Police Jury will be considering adopting a resolution opposing HB 190 as well.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt a resolution opposing the enactment of HB 190 which has been pre-filed for the 2018 Louisiana Legislative Session and to request the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives and Senate to vote against said bill.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish District Attorney’s Pretrial Diversion and Reinvestment Program provides an alternative to prosecution, incarceration, without the creation of criminal record for individuals;

WHEREAS, the program helps non-violent offenders who deserve a second chance and provides relief to the criminal justice system that is over burdened with the number of cases;

WHEREAS, this program is funded by the offenders voluntarily participating in the program allowing the District Attorney’s Office to pay all of the administrators, staff, and support cost for the implementation of the program within the office without any additional taxpayer funding from the Bossier Parish Police Jury;

WHEREAS, the offender funding of this program also supports the victim-witness assistance program of the Bossier Parish District Attorney’s Office that provides active support to the victims of crimes and the witnesses to crimes;

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 190 has been pre-filed for the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature to enact special legislation to severely reduce the funding from the pretrial diversion and intervention programs of District Attorney’s offices of Caddo and Bossier Parish without consideration for the Parish of Bossier’s obligation to make up the short fall of funding to the Bossier Parish District Attorney’s Office as a result of the reallocation of funding created by this proposed legislation;

WHEREAS, the enactment of this proposed HB 190 will increase the expenses of the Parish of Bossier to fund the cost of the Bossier Parish District Attorney’s Office mandated by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, because of the positive impact for the citizens of Bossier Parish of this program and to avoid additional cost to the taxpayers of the Parish of Bossier to cover the financial impact of HB 190 to the pretrial diversion and victim assistance programs of the Bossier Parish District Attorney’s Office;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bossier Parish Police Jury opposes the enactment of HB 190 pre-filed for the 2018 Louisiana Legislative Session and request the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives and Senate to vote against said bill.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7th day of March, 2018.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 7th day of March, 2018, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:15 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

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BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY