

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 1st day of May, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Doug Rimmer, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Glenn Benton, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Jerome Darby. 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, Excused	Mr. Tom Salzer
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Fred Shewmake
Mr. Norman Craig	Mr. Jack Skaggs

Others present were Mr. William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary.

Mr. Mike Busada, Butler|Snow, LLP, presented information regarding services provided by Butler|Snow, LLP, including utilizing bond financing and economic development incentives. He stated that a seminar is scheduled for May 22, 2019, and encouraged the jurors to attend.

Ms. Mary Moore, 1676 Spencer Circle, Benton, LA, and Mr. John Murray, 1523 Sommer Circle, Benton, LA, requested to address the police jury to discuss Lots 87, 88, and 89 in Cypress Bay Subdivision.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to add Ms. Mary Moore and Mr. John Murray, as Visitor No. 2.

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

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

Ms. Moore stated that on April 3, 2019, she as well as other concerned residents of Cypress Bay Subdivision came before the police jury and expressed their concern of a business being run from a residential lot in Cypress Bay Subdivision. She stated that Mr. Curtis Elkins, owner of Lots 87, 88 and 89, Cypress Bay Subdivision, Unit No. V, has constructed a storage building on Lot 87 for his commercial fireworks business. She further stated that Mr. Elkins is storing several utility trailers that carry large black pipes used for the launching of fireworks on Lot 87 around the storage building, as well as inside the storage building.

Ms. Moore stated that there has been no action to stop Mr. Elkins from storing the utility trailers on the residential lot since April 3, 2019.

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Elkins, and Mr. Elkins denies any business being conducted from the building on Lot 87, Cypress Bay Subdivision. He stated that without any evidence of a business being run from the building, the MPC and parish cannot do anything further. Mr. Marsiglia stated that it is not illegal for utility trailers to be located on your property.

Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury's position is to prohibit anyone from conducting a business from a residential area, and evidence is required in order for the police jury to address these matters. He stated that it is the responsibility of the homeowner's association and the homeowners within a subdivision to pursue litigation in these matters at their expense to enforce restrictive covenants. He further stated that the police jury does not enforce restrictive covenants for subdivisions, and have no authority or jurisdiction to do so.

Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury can address issues of conducting a business within a residential subdivision, but it will be up to the residents to obtain clear evidence of a business being conducted on Mr. Elkins' property via photographs or video of business actions from the property.

Mr. Marsiglia asked if the property owners have witnessed employees coming and going from Mr. Elkin's property retrieving items. Ms. Moore stated that there has been movement of the utility trailers.

Ms. Bennett expressed concern of the location of the storage building and utility trailers.

There was further discussion pertaining to this matter. Ms. Moore and other residents were instructed to obtain clear evidence of a business being conducted on Mr. Elkins' property and the evidence be submitted to the police jury office.

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Craig, to authorize the advertising for bids for Official Journal of the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, bids to be received June 5, 2019.

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. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Brotherton
NO VOTE RECORDED: Mr. Avery

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to award the bid for the Kelli Road Bridge Project No. 2019-103, in the amount of \$462,003.00, to Northern State Construction, LLC, low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received April 26, 2019, and to authorize execution of documents.

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:
Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service, Inc.	\$867,173.00
Cecil D. Gassiot, LLC	\$596,000.00
CW&W Contractors, Inc.	\$671,220.00
Northern State Construction, LLC	\$462,003.00
Matt L. Guinn Construction, LLC	\$903,582.10

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of May, 2019, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Doug Rimmer, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents or contracts in connection with the bid from Northern State Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$462,003.00, for the Kelli Road Bridge Project No. 2019-103.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of May, 2019.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Country Place Subdivision, Unit No. 9, a replat of a portion of Lots A, B and C, Country Place Subdivision, Unit No. 4-A, located in Section 10, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Benton stated that notices were sent to all residents of the subdivision, and no objection was received. Mr. Ford stated that this will be a non-buildable lot.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Country Place Subdivision, Unit No. 9, a replat of a portion of Lots A, B and C, Country Place Subdivision, Unit No. 4-A, located in Section 10, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Montgomery Suburban Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, a resubdivision of Lots 38 and 39, Montgomery Suburban Acres Subdivision, located in Section 35, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Joey Windham stated that his property is adjacent to his in-laws' property, and they wish to swap a portion of property that would allow him access to the lake.

Ms. Marjorie Wood, was present and asked for clarification as to the request. Mr. Ford explained that Mr. Windham will be swapping some property with his in-laws and that this action will not affect Ms. Wood or her property. Mr. Skaggs provided additional information and stated that all property owners within the subdivision were notified of the proposed change to Mr. Windham's lot.

Mr. Cochran confirmed that the proposed changes to the lots will in no way affect Ms. Woods' property.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Montgomery Suburban Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, a resubdivision of Lots 38 and 39, Montgomery Suburban Acres Subdivision, located in Section 35, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

Mr. Jerome Darby, Chairman of the Housing Authority Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee. Committee members attending the Housing Authority Committee meeting were Mr. Darby, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Salzer. Mr. Rimmer, Ms. Julie Gill, Mr. Altimus, Mr. Joe Buffington, Mr. Pat Culverhouse and Ms. Kristin Delahoussaye were also present.

Mr. Darby stated that a report was presented to the Housing Authority Committee from Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA). He stated that CAFA provides a Mortgage Origination Program that provides a competitive 30-year fixed rate mortgage with a non-repayable homebuyer's grant of up to 5.00% of the original mortgage amount to qualifying low and moderate income homebuyer families throughout all participating parishes.

Mr. Darby stated that representatives from CAFA are requesting that the police jury consider entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement so that their programs can be provided to the citizens of Bossier Parish. He stated that 38 parish in the State of Louisiana are receiving CAFA services at this time, including Desoto Parish and Caddo Parish.

Mr. Darby stated that this matter will be referred to the Bossier Parish Section 8 Housing Authority for further review, and once a recommendation has been received it will be presented to the police jury for consideration.

Mr. Tom Salzer, Chairman of the Insurance Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee. Committee members attending the Insurance Committee meeting were Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Darby. Mr. Joe Buffington, Mr. Patrick Jackson, Mr. Jim Firth, Ms. Julie Gill, Mr. Jason Weinland, Ms. Ramah Norton, Ms. Lisa Wilson, Mr. Altimus and Mr. Sam Marsiglia were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Rimmer and Ms. Bennett.

Mr. Salzer stated that Mr. Jason Weinland, Jweinland Group Benefits, provided the Insurance Committee with an update on the self-insured insurance plan.

Mr. Glenn Benton, Chairman of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee. Committee members attending the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee meeting were Mr. Benton, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Shewmake, and Mr. Craig. Mr. Altimus and Mr. Jackson were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Rimmer and Mr. Salzer.

Mr. Benton stated that Mr. Ford presented a proposed plat to the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee for consideration. He stated that the developer is requesting to subdivide a tract of land into five (5) lots with a private drive only that would not be built to parish road standards. He stated that parish regulations require a public road, streetlights and sidewalks for a subdivision, and it was the consensus of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee that the plat be denied and not presented to the police jury to schedule a public hearing as it does not meet parish regulations.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to adopt resolutions of appreciation to Senator Ryan Gatti and Senator Barrow Peacock for their efforts in moving the construction of the new gate entrance off Interstate 20/Interstate 220 into Barksdale Air Force Base forward.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Rimmer stated that a groundbreaking ceremony for the project is scheduled for next week.

Votes were cast, and motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Senator Ryan Gatti represents the Parish of Bossier and has provided tremendous support and assistance to the Bossier Parish Police Jury and to the citizens of Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ryan Gatti recognizes the importance of Barksdale Air Force Base to the United States military and the Bossier Parish community; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ryan Gatti recognizes the need of an access point from the Interstate 20/Interstate 220 interchange to Barksdale Air Force Base and has deemed this project as an urgent priority for the state’s infrastructure and has been essential in securing funding to expedite the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 1st day of May, 2019, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Senator Ryan Gatti for his efforts in moving the construction of the new entrance off Interstate 20/Interstate 220 into Barksdale Air Force Base forward.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of May, 2019.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Senator Barrow Peacock represents the Parish of Bossier and has provided tremendous support and assistance to the Bossier Parish Police Jury and to the citizens of Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, Senator Barrow Peacock recognizes the importance of Barksdale Air Force Base to the United States military and the Bossier Parish community; and

WHEREAS, Senator Barrow Peacock recognizes the need of an access point from the Interstate 20/Interstate 220 interchange to Barksdale Air Force Base and has deemed this project as an urgent priority for the state’s infrastructure and has been essential in securing funding to expedite the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 1st day of May, 2019, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Senator Barrow Peacock for his efforts in moving the construction of the new entrance off Interstate 20/Interstate 220 into Barksdale Air Force Base forward.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of May, 2019.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Craig, to adopt a resolution proclaiming May 22, 2019, as National Maritime Day.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on May 22, 1819, the steamship *The Savannah* set sail from Savannah, Georgia, on the first successful transoceanic voyage under steam propulsion, thus making a material contribution to the advancement of ocean transportation; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1933, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled and approved that May 22 of each year shall be designated and known as National Maritime Day; and

WHEREAS, during WW II in what became the world’s largest sealift operation, more than 250,000 members of the American Merchant Marine served their country, with more than 6,700 giving their lives, hundreds being detained as prisoners of war and more than 800 ships being sunk or damaged; and

WHEREAS, waterways have enabled much of the commerce that has expanded America’s economy, sprouted cities near waterways and facilitated vast domestic and international commerce crucial to our economy today; and

WHEREAS, merchant mariners have served America with distinction throughout our history, but especially at critical moments of war and natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, the United States Merchant Marine and thousands of other workers in our Nation’s maritime industry continue to make immeasurable contributions to our economic strength and our ongoing efforts to build a more peaceful world; and

WHEREAS, the United States Merchant Marine also shepherds the safe passage of American goods, move exports to customers around the world, support the flow of domestic commerce on our maritime highways, strengthen our

Nation’s economy, bolster job creation and, along with the transportation industry, employ Americans on ships and tugs, and in ports, like our Port of Caddo Bossier; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to increase the awareness of the maritime industry within Bossier Parish.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bossier Parish Police Jury joins the President of the United States of America in proclaiming May 22, 2019, as National Maritime Day and calls upon the citizens of Bossier Parish to celebrate this observance.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Craig. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of May, 2019.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to accept the recommendation of the Bossier Parish Industrial Tax Exemption Program Review Committee to approve the ITEP application of CellXion, LLC (DBA Sabre Industries Building Systems CellXion), 5031 Hazel Jones Road, Bossier City, LA.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Skaggs stated that CellXion has worked diligently to utilize ITEP in the manner in which the program was created, and reached out to the State and local districts for assistance in order to keep the company in Bossier Parish. He expressed appreciation to CellXion for their work in Bossier Parish.

Motion carried with the following votes recorded:

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

Mr. Avery stated that he does not feel that Centric Pipe, LLC, has utilized the ITEP in the manner in which the program was created. He stated that it appears that the previous company that has received the benefits from ITEP closed, and renamed the company in order to continue receiving the benefits.

Mr. Skaggs stated that representatives from Centric Pipe, LLC, were present at the meeting of the Bossier Parish Industrial Tax Exemption Program Review Committee. He stated that several questions were posed to the representatives, and feels that they did not provide resolutions to the concerns presented to them.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to not accept the recommendation of the Bossier Parish Industrial Tax Exemption Program Review Committee and deny the ITEP application of Centric Pipe, LLC, 430 Hamilton Road, Bossier City, LA.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Bobby Edmiston, Bossier Parish Assessor, was present. He stated that it is unclear at this time what course of action the Governor will take when it is not the consensus of the taxing bodies to approve an ITEP application.

Mr. Edmiston stated that it is his understanding that Centric Pipe, LLC, is a total separate company from the previous company. He stated that the Bossier Parish Industrial Tax Exemption Program Review Committee recommended by majority vote to approve the ITEP application of Centric Pipe, LLC.

Mr. Skaggs stated that it was the consensus of the Bossier Parish Industrial Tax Exemption Program Review Committee that an addendum clawback clause to ITEP contracts needs to be attached to each application. Mr. Jackson stated that a clawback clause will be attached to each approved ITEP contract that states a taxing body will have the right to revoke a contract for ITEP benefits if a company does not meet all requirements placed on them in order to continue receiving the ITEP benefits.

There was additional discussion pertaining to ITEP applications. Mr. Avery asked if any previous company owners are associated with the new company, Centric Pipe, LLC. Mr. Edmiston stated that it appears that Centric Pipe, LLC, owners are not associated with the previous company at this location.

After further discussion, Mr. Avery withdrew his motion, and Mr. Cochran withdrew his second. **Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Avery, to accept the recommendation of the Bossier Parish Industrial Tax Exemption Program Review Committee to approve the ITEP application of Centric Pipe, LLC, 430 Hamilton Road, Bossier City, LA.**

The President called for public comment. **Motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

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

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to accept the proposal of Denmon Engineering Company, Inc., in the amount of \$10,750.00 for engineering design services for sewer system improvements for Haymeadow Subdivision and Cypress Bend Subdivision, and to authorize the execution of documents.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of May, 2019, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Doug Rimmer, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents or contracts in connection with the proposal of Denmon Engineering Company, Inc., in the amount of \$10,750.00 for engineering design services for sewer system improvements for Haymeadow Subdivision and Cypress Bend Subdivision.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of May, 2019.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Change Order No. 13 for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North-South Corridor Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, Louisiana, advising that the change order results in a deduct in the amount of \$37,125.00. **Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve Change Order No. 13 for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North-South Corridor Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and to authorize execution of 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 May, 2019, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 13 for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North-South Corridor Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Doug Rimmer, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 13.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of May, 2019.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the FY 2014-2015 Community Water Enrichment Fund, CWF No. 1415-CWF-BSR-0001, and to authorize the execution of 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 May, 2019, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the FY 2014-2015 Community Water Enrichment Fund, CWF No. 1415-CWF-BSR-0001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Doug Rimmer, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of May, 2019.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Mike Fleming, builder, was present and requested a variance of parish regulations to allow a 7-foot stone wall to be constructed in a drainage easement located on Lot 1, Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 6, Benton, LA.

Ms. Bennett asked what purpose the proposed 7-foot stone wall would serve. Mr. Fleming stated that a new home is being built, and a fence is planned around the new home. He stated that the stone wall would be for accent purposes.

Mr. Ford stated that a new home is planned to be constructed on two lots in Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 6. He stated that a 12.5-foot easement exists on each lot, with an underground pipe to Willow Chute being located in an easement on one of the lots. He further stated that the proposed 7-foot stone wall will block access to the drainage pipe. Mr. Ford stated that a variance is requested for the 7-foot stone wall and a cedar fence that will run to the back of the property line on the 12.5-foot easement were the drainage pipe is located.

Ms. Bennett stated that she is receiving an increase in complaints of drainage issues along Kingston Road. She stated that flooding issues already exist at the entrance to Kingston Plantation Subdivision. She requested that further review be made to determine if allowing a variance as requested would affect drainage in Kingston Plantation Subdivision.

Mr. Cochran expressed concern that the drainage pipe in the 12.5-foot easement could possibly be punctured by installation of a fence.

Mr. Ford asked if the property owners would be willing to locate the fencing on the 12.5-foot drainage easement line to avoid blocking access to and puncturing of the drainage pipe. Mr. Fleming stated that he will discuss this request with the property owners.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Benton, to deny the request for a variance of parish regulations to allow a 7-foot stone wall and cedar fencing to be constructed in a drainage easement located on Lot 1, Kingston Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 6, Benton, LA.**

The President called for public comment. **Motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

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

Motion was made by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to accept the proposal of Owen Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$2,360.00 for professional engineering services for bridge load rating of Dutch John Road, and to authorize the execution of documents.

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

RESOLUTION

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The resolution was offered by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of May, 2019.

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Ms. Monica Grappe, Right-of-Way Agent, provided an update on the purchase and demolition of flood damaged homes through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in Bossier Parish. Mr. Jackson stated that fire departments have expressed interest of using the homes being purchased as part of training exercises. Mr. Avery stated that the Bossier City Police Department has also expressed interest in using the homes for training purposes.

Mr. Altimus expressed appreciation to Mr. Rimmer for his presentation at the State of Bossier Address. He presented several posters that were presented at the State of Bossier Address by BeBossier.com. He stated that he has requested that the police jury be provided with copies of the posters for display at the courthouse.

Ms. Jessica Hemingway, Bossier Chamber of Commerce, stated that the posters will be displayed at the Bossier Parish Libraries on a rotation schedule. She stated that postcards will also be displayed at the Bossier Parish Libraries for the public. Mr. Altimus expressed appreciation to Ms. Hemingway and the Bossier Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ford stated that bids will be received next week for the Sligo Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou Project No. 2019-105 and the FY 2018 LCDBG Sewer System Improvements - Oak Hill Mobile Home Park projects.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the FY 2019 LCDBG - Merrywood Subdivision sewer collection system. He stated that an application for FY 2020-2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant funds will be submitted in the near future.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the Off-System Bridge Program and bridge rating.

Mr. Ford presented photos of flooding on Arkansas Line Road. He stated that it appears that the drainage issues are due to a beaver dam located on property on the Arkansas side, and the parish does not have authority to access the property.

Mr. Ford stated that the original plan was for Swan Lake Road to be closed from June 1, 2019, through August 10, 2019, for reconstruction of the Flat River Bridge. He stated that the contractor has requested that they be allowed to begin reconstruction on May 24, 2019, approximately a week earlier, as the school period will end on May 23, 2019. He further stated that a plan change will be presented in the near future to reflect this change, and the contractor will be requested to complete the project a week earlier than the original plans.

Mr. Ford stated that Aethon Energy has agreed to assist the parish with improvements to Davis Road.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the extension of Linton Road.

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

Mr. Benton stated that the Bossier Parish Sheriff and First Baptist Church Houghton will be hosting a National Day of Prayer breakfast at 6:30 a.m. in the morning at First Baptist Church Houghton for elected officials and first responders.

Mr. Rimmer presented a letter of appreciation from the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark's Society for the police jury's support for the Bayou Bodcau Clean-up.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of May, 2019, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:35 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

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