

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
June 19, 2002

The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 19th day of June, 2002, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Bill Altimus, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Dennis Woodward and the pledge of allegiance was led by Dr. Eddy Shell. The Secretary-Treasurer, Cheryl Martin, called the roll, with Mr. Cummings absent, as follows:

Mr. William Altimus	Mr. Winfred Johnston
Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Hank Meachum
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Henry Mitchell
Mr. Brad Cummings, absent	Mr. Jeff Rogers
Mr. Jerome Darby	Dr. Eddy Shell
Mr. Wayne Hammack	Mr. Jesse Williams

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Others present were Mr. Dennis Woodward, Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Cheryl Martin, Secretary-Treasurer.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to deviate from the agenda to add Mr. Willie Jenkins. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to adopt the minutes of the May 1, 2002 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Dr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adopt the minutes of the May 15, 2002 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adopt the minutes of the May 29, 2002 special meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Rogers reported that Mr. Mike Knotts has withdrawn his nomination for appointment to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission. Mr. Mitchell advised that Mr. Larry Hawkins has withdrawn his nomination for appointment also.

Mr. John Thomson addressed the jury, advising that he is very interested in serving on the Bossier City-Parish MPC. Mr. Meachum stated that Mr. Thomson resides in south Bossier Parish,

and stated that he feels a representative from this area is needed. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to appoint Mr. John Thomson to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for an initial three-year term, followed by a six-year term thereafter. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Louis Covington, Bossier Parish Library Director, requested authority to advertise for bids for construction and renovation, and for book stacks and furnishings for the Plain Dealing Library, bids to be received August 7, 2002. Mr. Avery requested that specifications for the project be forwarded to the office of Associated General Contractors.

**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to authorize the advertising for bids for the general contract for construction and renovation of the Plain Dealing Library, and for book stacks and furnishings for the Plain Dealing Library, bids to be received August 7, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Covington requested that the President be authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Plain Dealing in order for the library to pave approximately 50 to 60 feet of Cotton Belt Street, which is located within the Town of Plain Dealing, for parking access for the library. Mr. Covington advised that the cost for this work will be included in the general contract for the proposed renovation/expansion project. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Avery, to authorize the President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Plain Dealing to allow the Bossier Parish Library to pave approximately 50 to 60 feet of Cotton Belt Street, subject to approval by the Parish Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19th day of June, 2002, that Bill Altimus, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Plain Dealing, in connection with the paving of a portion of Cotton Belt Street for parking access for the Plain Dealing Library.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Dr. Shell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2002.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

BILL ALTIMUS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Mr. Covington presented to the police jury a Master Plan for the long-range expansion of the Bossier Parish Central Library. Mr. Covington stated that the Master Plan provides the comprehensive development of the Central Library for the next 40-50 years. **Motion was made by Dr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to acknowledge receipt of a Master Plan for long-range expansion of the Bossier Parish Central Library. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Altimus advised that Mr. Gary Joiner met briefly with jurors prior to the meeting, regarding Bossier Parish voting precincts and police jury districts.

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Mr. Avery reported that a presentation by representatives of Cross Creek Subdivision regarding the Airline Drive expansion project, has been withdrawn.

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Mr. Willie Jenkins, 135 Hedge Drive, requested the police jury's assistance with cleaning up the area. He stated that there are abandoned cars on the road and that bushes along the road need to be cut. Mr. Jenkins stated that there is trash and other debris in the road ditches, and further requested that the jury consider placing gravel on the road. He stated that both Hedge Drive and Sydney Avenue, located in the East Benton Subdivision, are in need of work. Mr. Woodward and Mr. Johnston are to inspect the area and present a recommendation to the jury at a later date.

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Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for a one-year supply of pharmaceuticals for Bossier Parish correctional facilities, as follows:

Bidder	Bid Amount	
Sterling Health Care Services		
	Brand	Generic
Percentage Discount from AWP	\$ <u>30%</u>	\$ <u>40%</u>
Dispensing Fee per each prescription	\$ <u>5.77</u>	\$ <u>5.77</u>
Walker Brothers Drugs		
Percentage Discount from AWP	\$ <u>15%</u>	
Dispensing Fee per each prescription	\$ <u>2.50</u>	
Denmon's Pharmacy		
Percentage Discount from AWP	\$ <u>15 %</u>	
Dispensing Fee per each prescription	\$ <u>5.70</u>	
Kelly's Pharmacy		
Percentage Discount from AWP	\$ <u>13%</u>	
Dispensing Fee per each prescription	\$ <u>3.80</u>	

**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to take the bids under advisement, to be tabulated and awarded at the July 3, 2002 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Meachum requested that the jury consider adoption of a resolution opposing the proposed racetrack facility in Caddo Parish. He stated that the Bossier City Council and the Legislature have adopted similar resolutions. Mr. Meachum also requested that officials at Louisiana Downs be asked to provide the police jury with an update on the placement of slot machines at Louisiana Downs.

**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Dr. Shell, to adopt a resolution opposing a new horse racing facility in the area. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Louisiana Downs has been a vital component of the economic growth of Bossier Parish since its opening; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Downs provides a significant tourist attraction, and contributes greatly to the tourism industry in all of northern Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the trainers, owners, jockeys, and all those individuals and companies involved at Louisiana Downs and the horse racing industry, are vital to the continued growth and sustainment of Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury feels that an additional horse racing facility in close proximity to Louisiana Downs would negatively impact the racing industry, and would endanger the positive economic benefits of Louisiana Downs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 19th day of June, 2002, that it does hereby oppose the licensing or development of any horse racing facility in any location in North Louisiana in competition with Louisiana Downs.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

BILL ALTIMUS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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The President announced that it was time for the Police Jury to hear any and all objections to the creation of Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "District"), all as set forth in a Notice of Intention issued by the President and Secretary of the Police Jury on May 15, 2002, and published in the May 27, June 3 and June 10, 2002 editions of the *"The Bossier Press-Tribune"*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana and the District, and published in Bossier City, Louisiana, and announced at the regular meeting of the Police Jury held on May 15, 2002. The reasons for the creation of the District were discussed and the President stated that the Police Jury would proceed in open and public session to discuss, answer questions and hear any and all objections concerning the creation of the District, its boundaries or the property to be included therein. There was no one present who offered any objections to said matters and the Secretary announced that no objections had been filed with her.

**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the hearing be terminated, and a resolution adopted providing for the creation of Bossier Parish Fire District No. 7, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell:

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution creating a fire protection district within the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, and defining and describing the boundaries thereof.

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, held on May 15, 2002, said Police Jury, acting under the authority of Part I, Chapter 7, Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, adopted a resolution giving notice of intention to create a fire protection district within the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), and described the territory of said proposed fire protection district, the boundaries thereof and all other matters required by Law, and provided that said Police Jury would meet in open and public session on Wednesday, June 19, 2002, at two (2:00) o'clock p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Room, Courthouse Building, Benton, Louisiana, to hear any and all objections thereon and after hearing such objections, proceed to create said fire protection district; and

WHEREAS, notice of intention was duly published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the official journal of this Police Jury, the first publication being not less than fifteen (15) days prior to this date; and

WHEREAS, this Police Jury did assemble at such place and time on June 19, 2002, and no objections were made to the creation thereof, the boundaries thereof or the property to be included therein; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury has determined that the creation of said fire protection district would benefit and is in the best interests of the Parish and the inhabitants of the area affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish:

SECTION 1. That by virtue of the authority conferred by Part I, Chapter 7, Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, a fire protection district be and the same is hereby created within the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, which fire protection district shall embrace all of that territory in the Parish within the following described boundaries:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of Section 6, Township 23 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, thence South along East boundary line of Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 30 and 31, to the Northwest corner of Section 5, Township 22 North, Range 13 West, thence East along the North boundary of Sections 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 Township 22 North, Range 13 West, thence continue along the North boundary of Section 6, Township 22 North, Range 12 West to the Northeast corner of said Section 6, thence South along the East boundary of Sections 6, 7, 18 and 19, Township 22 North, Range 12 West, to the Southeast corner of said Section 19, thence West along the South boundary of Section 19 to the Northeast corner of Section 25, Township 22 North, Range 13 West, thence South along the East

boundary line of Sections 25 and 36, Township 22 North, Range 13 West, to the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, continue South along the East boundary of Sections 1, 12 and 13, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, to the Southeast corner of said Section 13, thence West along the South boundary of Section 13 to the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, thence South along the East boundary of Section 23 to the Southeast corner of Section 23, thence West along the South boundary line of Sections 23, 22, 21, 20 and 19, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, to the Southeast corner of Section 24, Township 21 North, Range 14 West, continue along South boundary of Section 24 and 23 to the Bossier-Caddo Parish Line, thence basically northerly along the Bossier-Caddo Parish Line to the North Line of Section 3, Township 23 North, Range 14 West, being the Louisiana-Arkansas state line, excluding all territory or areas West of the Red River, thence East along said state line to the point of beginning, less and except the Corporate Limits of the Town of Plain Dealing, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, as said boundaries are presently constituted.

SECTION 2. That the fire protection district hereby created shall be known and designated as "**Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana**" (the "District"), and as thus created shall constitute a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, and shall have all rights, powers and privileges granted by and conferred by the Constitution and Statutes of Louisiana to such corporations, including the authority to incur debt, issue bonds and levy taxes and parcel fees.

SECTION 3. That in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the governing authority of the District shall be the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Police Jury"), the domicile shall be the regular meeting place of the Police Jury in the Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, the officers of the Police Jury shall be the officers of the District, the regular meeting day for the District shall be the regular meeting day of the Police Jury and the official journal of the District shall be the official journal of the Police Jury.

SECTION 4. That due notice of the formation and creation of said fire protection district hereby created, attached hereto as Exhibit A, shall be published in accordance with law and that the President of this Police Jury be and he is hereby instructed and ordered to issue notice of the formation and creation of said fire protection district and to cause publication thereof to be made in compliance with the provisions of the aforesaid Part I, Chapter 7, Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rogers, Dr. Shell, Mr. Williams.

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mr. Cummings.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 19th day of June, 2002.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

BILL ALTIMUS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

**EXHIBIT A****NOTICE OF CREATION OF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7  
OF THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on June 19, 2002, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Part I, Chapter 7, Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, of the formation and creation of a fire protection district within the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, known as Fire Protection District No. 7 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, which fire protection district embraces all of that territory in the Parish within the following described boundaries:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of Section 6, Township 23 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, thence South along East boundary line of Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 30 and 31, to the Northwest corner of Section 5, Township 22 North, Range 13 West, thence East along the North boundary of Sections 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 Township 22 North, Range 13 West, thence continue along the North boundary of Section 6, Township 22 North, Range 12 West to the Northeast corner of said Section 6, thence South along the East boundary of Sections 6, 7, 18 and 19, Township 22 North, Range 12 West, to the Southeast corner of said Section 19, thence West along the South boundary of Section 19 to the Northeast corner of Section 25, Township 22 North, Range 13 West, thence South along the East boundary line of Sections 25 and 36, Township 22 North, Range 13 West, to the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, continue South along the East boundary of Sections 1, 12 and 13, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, to the Southeast corner of said Section 13, thence West along the South boundary of Section 13 to the Northeast corner of Section 23, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, thence South along the East boundary of Section 23 to the Southeast corner of Section 23, thence West along the South boundary line of Sections 23, 22, 21, 20 and 19, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, to the Southeast corner of Section 24, Township 21 North, Range 14 West, continue along South boundary of Section 24 and 23 to the Bossier-Caddo Parish Line, thence basically northerly along the Bossier-Caddo Parish Line to the North Line of Section 3, Township 23 North, Range 14 West, being the Louisiana-Arkansas state line, excluding all territory or areas West of the Red River, thence East along said state line to the point of beginning, less and except the Corporate Limits of the Town of Plain Dealing, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, as said boundaries are presently constituted.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Benton, Louisiana, on this the 19th day of June,

2002.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

BILL ALTIMUS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Mr. Woodward stated that a determination on the tax millage for the newly created fire district should be made, if the proposition is to be placed on the October election ballot. Mr. Johnston stated that he feels the millage rate should be comparable with other fire districts in the parish. The matter was referred to the Fire District Committee for study, with a recommendation to be presented to the jury at the July 3 regular meeting.

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The President announced the public hearing to consider the application of Barton Homes, LLC, to the Benton-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-1, One-Family Residence District, to allow development of a 20-lot subdivision.

Mr. Bob Brown, Benton-Parish MPC, stated that the application received a favorable recommendation by the MPC.

Mr. Bob Barton, Barton Homes, LLC, and Mr. Kenneth Smith, Smith Engineering Co., Inc., addressed the jury. Mr. Barton stated that the proposed development is surrounded by South Lakeshore, West Lakeshore and Parks Road, and that modular homes with a 1600 square foot minimum are proposed. Mr. Barton stated that there are several different types of housing in this area. He stated that both the CBB Water System and Benton Fire District No. 4, have advised that they can adequately service the proposed development. He further stated that the proposed sewer system, which is to consist of a three-stage pond system, is satisfactory.

Mr. Rogers asked the difference between a modular home and a mobile home. Mr. Barton explained that the frame of a modular home is constructed in a factory, and moved to the site on a trailer. He stated that the frame is placed on the foundation, and the home is then completed on site. He stated that a modular home is comparable to a site-built home, but is built at a lower cost. Mr. Barton stated that he has constructed a home at 460 W. Lakeshore that he will reside in. He stated that he has completed a two-story home in Shreveport, and that other homes are ordered at an approximate cost of \$185,000 to \$192,000. Mr. Barton stated that the garage is also built on site, and can be either detached or connected.

Mr. Barton stated that he understands there are concerns with water, sewer and drainage, and that each of these items has been addressed and are approved by the appropriate agencies. He further stated that he has been advised there are concerns regarding increased traffic and decreased property values. Mr. Barton advised that he will stand behind these homes, stating that there is a mixture of housing types in this area. He stated that the proposed development will consist of 20 lots, with an average lot size of .75 acre. Mr. Barton stated that the garage must meet the design of the home, and that driveways of concrete or better are required.

Mr. Barton stated that no single or double wide mobile homes are allowed in the development, but stated that a stick-built home is allowed if desired. He stated that the foundation is the major difference between a modular home and a stick-built home. Mr. Cochran referred to an advertisement regarding the development. Mr. Barton stated that the advertisement published one time, and that he has received many calls in response.

Mr. Bob Sykes, Ms. Billie Davis, and Mr. William Stinson, spoke in opposition of the proposed development. Mr. Sykes presented a petition signed by 89 residents of the area. He stated that there are five issues of concern, advising first of concern regarding increased traffic in the area. He presented a letter from Mr. Don Rittenberry, Bossier Sheriff's Department, which indicated that any increase in traffic in the Parks/Linton Road area will be difficult to handle.

Mr. Sykes stated that there is concern regarding fire protection, advising that three homes in the area have burned to the ground. He stated that the CBB Water System can not support fire hydrants.

Mr. Sykes advised that there are problems with excess water in the area during heavy rain. A video of property at 194 South Lakeshore was presented. Ms. Vickie Mobley, property owner, stated that drainage in the area is not good. She stated that she is concerned that the new development will increase flooding on her property.

Mr. Sykes stated that there is also concern regarding the sewer, advising that at one time, property owners were denied access to the system.

Mr. Sykes stated that residents in the area are concerned that the proposed modular homes will devalue their property. He presented a letter from Mr. Jerry Barnett and from Mr. Jim DeVille, appraisers, which indicated that the proposed modular development will have a negative impact on

the value of existing individual homes. Pictures of homes in the area were presented for comparison. Mr. Rogers questioned large trucks used to deliver the home frames, and expressed concern regarding the blocking of public roads and possible violation of load limits for parish roads. Mr. Barton stated that a typical home requires two loads.

Mr. Tom Rachel, 793 Parks Road, and Ms. Amy Barnwell, 795 Parks Road, spoke from the audience, stating that they feel this development will devalue their property.

Mr. William Stinson stated that he has attempted to develop this same type of subdivision, and was denied by the police jury. Mr. Stinson stated that the police jury should be consistent in such issues.

Mr. Barton responded to the opposition. He referred to correspondence from appraisers, stating that Fannie Mae guidelines must be followed in determining comparable properties. Mr. Barton stated that flooding problems currently exist on property owned by Vickie Mobley, and that this problem will continue whether the proposed development is approved or not. He stated that he intends to leave as much timber on the property as possible.

Mr. Ken Smith stated that letters have been provided from CBB Water System and from Benton Fire District No. 4, which indicate that they can each adequately serve the development. He stated that a drainage analysis has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Woodward. Mr. Smith further stated that a natural drain exists on the Mobley property.

Mr. Bob Brown, stated that the Benton MPC looked at the site and determined that there are mixed housing types in the area. He stated that the MPC made no determination on traffic issues.

Mr. Rogers advised that he is unable to make a decision at this time, stating that he needs time to research modular homes. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams to table this matter for consideration at the August 7 meeting.**

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Avery suggested that the police jury hire an appraiser to provide an opinion on the issue. Mr. Rogers stated that he feel jurors can research the matter on their own.

After discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to table this matter and agenda item No. 8, the approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cypress Gardens South, for consideration at the August 7 regular meeting. Motion carried**

**unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Avery, to adjourn for a five minute recess. Motion carried unanimously.**

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The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to deviate from the agenda to add Mr. Tim Mills. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Tim Mills discussed parish regulations pertaining to the keeping of exotic cats. He stated that he owns a licensed sanctuary in Frierson, LA, advising that they take in abused cats. Mr. Mills stated that a lot of people want to buy the cats, and requested clarification of parish regulations pertaining to the keeping of tigers, etc.

The matter was referred to the Animal Control Committee for review.

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Mr. Jim Firth, Purchasing Manager, presented a proposal from Connection Technologies for providing a comparative analysis of wireless and T1 options for connectivity between the courthouse and the corrections facilities for telephone, data and video services, advising that the estimated fee for this service ranges from \$2,600 to \$3,400, depending on the amount of billable time incurred. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to authorize Connection Technologies to proceed with a comparative analysis of wireless and T1 options for connectivity between the courthouse and the corrections facilities for telephone, data and video services, for a fee not to exceed \$3,600. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Jim Firth, Purchasing Manager, reported that he has been advised by "Get Rid of It", a garbage pick-up service located in El Dorado, Arkansas, that they are willing to assume garbage pickup in the rural areas of north Bossier Parish for a cost of \$8.99 per household. He stated that the homeowner would be billed directly for this service. Mr. Firth that the company currently services the Town of Plain Dealing. It was recommended that Mr. Firth obtain a written proposal from this company.

Mr. Johnston stated that illegal dumping of large trash items is a problem. Mr. Rogers recommended that Mr. Firth contact BFI and Get Rid of It, regarding the possibility of establishing a central garbage collection site in Bossier Parish for large items. Mr. Rowe recommended that Mr. Firth contact officials with Webster Parish, advising that there are two central collection sites in Webster Parish.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Dr. Shell, to schedule a public hearing on July 24, 2002, to consider the application of Larry Broome to the Benton-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in Section 17, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to B-3, Community Business District, to allow a restaurant with liquor sales. Motion carried unanimously.**

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A meeting of the Bossier Parish Property Standards Board was convened by the President. Mr. Woodward presented a video of property at 1837 Caplis Sligo road. **Motion made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to proceed with the condemnation of property at 1837 Caplis Sligo Road, in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Woodward advised that three bids were received on June 12, 2002, for the Tall Timbers Lateral Project. Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Cajun Constructors, Inc.	\$1,186,000.00
Nottingham Construction	\$1,209,414.50
Blount Brothers Construction	\$1,288,565.00

Mr. Woodward stated that it is recommended that the low bid of Cajun Constructors, Inc. be accepted, subject to a legal opinion by the Parish Attorney. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated he has reviewed all bids, and recommends that the low bid of Cajun Constructors, Inc. be accepted. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to accept the low bid of Cajun Constructors, Inc., in the amount of \$1,186,000.00, for the Tall Timbers Lateral Project, in accordance with a legal opinion by the Parish Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19th day of June, 2002, that it does hereby recommend acceptance of the low bid of Cajun Constructors, Inc., in the amount of \$1,186,000.00, for the Tall Timbers Lateral Project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2002.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

BILL ALTIMUS, PRESIDENT  
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Mr. Woodward referred to bids received on June 12, 2002, for Overlay Project 01-02; the hot-mix asphaltic overlay of 5.00 miles of the Martin Road, and 5.20 miles of Sligo Road, advising that he recommends acceptance of the low bid of Benton and Brown, Inc., in the amount of \$478,068.00. Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Benton & Brown, Inc.	\$478,068.00
O. S. Johnson, Inc.	\$583,500.00
Martin Marietta Material of LA, Inc.	\$593,510.00

**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to accept the low bid of Benton and Brown, Inc., in the amount of \$478,068.00, for Overlay Project 01-02; the hot-mix asphaltic overlay of 5.00 miles of Martin Road and 5.20 miles of Sligo Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Woodward referred to bids received on June 12, 2002, for the purchase of one dozer for the Bossier Parish Highway Department, advising that he recommends that the low bid of Scott Construction Equipment in the amount of \$59,841.00 be accepted. **Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to accept the low bid of Scott Construction Equipment for the purchase of one dozer for the Bossier Parish Highway Department. Motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Scott Construction Equipment	\$59,841.00
Louisiana Machinery	\$62,680.00
Nortrax Equipment Co. South	\$64,750.00
Head & Engquist Equipment	\$77,700.00

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The President called for a report from the search committee, and discussion of the hiring of a parish administrator. Mr. Hammack, Chairman of the Search Committee, stated that the committee reviewed the current job description for the parish administrator, and recommended that the Policy and Procedures Committee consider establishment of a more in-depth job description for the parish administrator.

Mr. Hammack stated that the committee contacted each juror for input, advising that he has received no negative input on the committee's recommendation. Mr. Hammack stated that the police jury is currently in the process of a major construction project, and the committee felt that to hire an administrator who is familiar with the project would be advantageous to the police jury and to the citizens of Bossier Parish. He stated that with the current courthouse and jail projects underway, it is very important that an administrator be hired as soon as possible, and that the new administrator needs time to work with Mr. Woodward.

Mr. Hammack stated that it is the recommendation of the Search Committee that Mr. Bill Altimus be hired as Bossier Parish Administrator, at a starting salary of \$52,000, in addition to the salary he receives as a police juror. He stated that state law allows an elected police jury member to be appointed parish manager, and if Mr. Altimus accepts the position, it is stipulated that he step down as President of the police jury.

Mr. Meachum expressed his appreciation to the committee, and asked if an engineer will be hired. Mr. Hammack stated that the committee has addressed this issue, and stated that the hiring of a part-time engineer has been discussed. He stated that the committee feels the administrator should be hired now, then proceed with the hiring of an engineer, preferably by January 1.

**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to employ Mr. Bill Altimus as Bossier Parish Administrator, at a starting salary of \$52,000, in addition to the salary he receives as a police juror, with the stipulation that Mr. Altimus step down as police jury president.**

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Avery asked when Mr. Altimus will be able to assume the position. Mr. Altimus stated that he can begin work on July 15, 2002.

Mr. Darby advised that he feels the position should be advertised, stating that there are other

qualified persons who may be interested in the job. Mr. Darby expressed concern regarding Mr. Altimus' ability to continue representing his police jury district while acting as parish administrator. He stated that if Mr. Altimus is not re-elected as police juror, he will have to resign his position as administrator, therefore leaving the police jury with no administrator in the middle of a large construction project. Mr. Darby stated that he does not believe this action is in the best interest of Bossier Parish.

Mr. Rogers agreed that Mr. Darby has valid concerns, but stated that he believes Mr. Altimus is the best qualified and most knowledgeable candidate at this time. He stated that he does not feel Mr. Altimus will differentiate in serving his constituents of police jury district 9, and fulfilling his duties as parish administrator. Mr. Rogers stated that his vote will be based on who he believes is the best candidate at this time. Mr. Hammack stated that the committee did what they believe to be in the best interest of the citizens of Bossier Parish.

**Votes were cast on Mr. Hammack's motion to employ Mr. Bill Altimus as Bossier Parish Administrator, at a starting salary of \$52,000, in addition to the salary he receives as a police juror, and with the stipulation that Mr. Altimus step down as police jury president. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

**AYES: Mr. Avery, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rogers, Dr. Shell, Mr. Williams.**

**NAYS: Mr. Darby**

**ABSENT: Mr. Cummings**

**ABSTAIN: Mr. Altimus**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Avery, to adopt an ordinance requiring the posting of a public informational sign prior to a public hearing to consider approval of any subdivision plat in Bossier Parish, stipulating that the Policy and Procedures Committee will establish procedures for the posting and notification of the public. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3823

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR SIGNAGE NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF INTENDED LAND USE CHANGES IN ALL AREAS OF BOSSIER PARISH OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF A METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19th day of June, 2002, that for all areas of Bossier Parish outside the jurisdiction of a metropolitan planning commission, a two-sided sign will be posted as soon as practical giving public notice of a public hearing to determine intended changes in land use.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the requirements of this ordinance will have no legal effect on the standing or legal rights of any party affected by the land use change. This signage is in addition to legal notice given in the Bossier Parish Official Journal.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2002.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to advise that the police jury has no objection to the request of Sportspectrum, Inc., to serve beer at the Sportspectrum River Cities Triathlon to be held August 4, 2002, at Cypress Lake. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Dr. Shell, to authorize the purchase of two 3/4 ton pickup trucks for the Bossier Parish Highway Department, through state contract. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to schedule a public hearing on July 24, 2002, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Winnfield Place Estates Subdivision, located in Section 6, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Williams, to accept the low quote of Geotech Engineers for soil borings required in the replacement of a bridge on Airline Drive, at a price of \$1,450. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the request of Camus Electric Company, Inc., for a Certificate of Substantial Completion of the installation of a red light on Airline Drive at Wemple Road, and to authorize Mr. Woodward to execute said certificate. Motion carried unanimously.**

## RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19th day of June, 2002, that Dennis Woodward, Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute a Certificate of Substantial Completion with Camus Electric Company, Inc., in connection with the installation of a red light on Airline Drive at Wemple Road.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2002.

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Mr. Woodward advised that SWEPCO has requested that the police jury proceed now with the acquisition of right-of-way along the east side of Airline Drive to Kingston Road, for placement of utility poles. He stated that they are constructing a new substation on Deen Point Road, and will be running lines to Cross Creek, Bayou Bend and Lakewood Subdivisions. Mr. Woodward stated that this will prevent SWEPCO from having to relocate these poles to the new right-of-way which is necessary for the expansion project. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to proceed with the acquisition of right-of-way on the east side of Airline Drive from the Deen Point Road north to Kingston Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Avery reported that there is concern from residents of Cross Creek and Bayou Bend Subdivisions regarding the proposed Airline Drive expansion project. He stated that if Airline Drive is expanded as proposed, the road will be too close to these homes, and will not meet the minimum distance from fencing around the subdivisions. Mr. Avery requested that the expansion of Airline Drive be stopped at LeOaks Drive, with this portion to be continued in Phase III of the expansion project. He further requested that the expansion of the bridge at this location be done now. Mr. Avery stated that this will require minimum engineering adjustments. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve engineering adjustments, not to exceed \$8,000, in the delaying of a portion of the Airline Drive expansion project, to be completed in Phase III of the project. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Woodward stated that the deadline for utilizing Rural Development funds which are approved for the removal of stumps in Lake Bistineau is September 30, 2002. He stated that because the water is up now and the stumps are not visible, there is no way to tell how many stumps there are. He further stated that there will be no way to know whether all the stumps have been cut. Mr. Woodward is to advise Senator Foster Campbell of this matter, and ask if the deadline can be extended to utilize the Rural Development funds when the water level is down and the stumps are visible.

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Mr. Woodward advised that subdivision restrictions for the L & M Subdivision, stipulate a 40-foot minimum setback line for placement of the homes in the development. He stated that due to a curve in the road at 375 James Lane, a small portion of a mobile home has been placed within the 40-foot building set-back. Mr. Woodward stated that a 10-foot variance is requested to allow for the small portion of the home that is located over the subdivision set back line. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that the police jury cannot offer a variance of subdivision restrictions.

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Jurors were provided a current list of expenditures for various items purchased for certain parish schools.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to authorize the President to execute a lease agreement with SiteExcell for the leasing of property in the Viking Drive Industrial Park for placement of a cell tower. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19th day of June, 2002, that Bill Altimus, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a lease agreement with SiteExcell for the leasing of property in the Viking Drive Industrial Park for placement of a cell tower.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2002.

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Jurors expressed congratulations to Mr. Altimus on his appointment as Parish Administrator.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to authorize an application for Rural Development Funds for improvements to Cash Point Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19th day of June, 2002, that it does hereby approve and support an application to the Office of Rural Development for funds for overlay of Cash Point Road, Bossier Parish, LA.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of June, 2002.

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Mr. Cochran stated that he has been advised of the death of a 10-year old child whose family does not have money to pay for burial arrangements. **Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to pursue the possibility of assistance through provisions for a pauper's burial service. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Woodward presented a video of property on the Fillmore Cemetery Road, property at 5251 John Wilson Drive, and at 5212 Clover in Haymeadow Subdivision, advising that the properties appear to be in violation of Bossier Parish property standards regulations. Mr. Woodward reported that an abandoned vehicle is on the property at 5251 John Wilson Drive. Mr. Jackson stated that if the condition of these properties pose a health hazard, the police jury can pursue clean-up. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to request that the Bossier Sheriff's Department issue a citation to the owner of property at 5212 Clover, and to pursue removal of an abandoned vehicle on Fillmore Cemetery Road due to a health hazard. Motion carried unanimously.**

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19th day of June, 2002, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 5:25 p.m.

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