

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 19th day of February, 2003, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jimmy Cochran, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Eddy Shell and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Jesse Williams. The Secretary-Treasurer, Cheryl Martin, called the roll, with Mr. Hammack absent and excused, as follows:

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to adopt the minutes of the January 8, 2003 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adopt the minutes of the January 22, 2003 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Shell, to deviate from the agenda to add Mr. Charles Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Charles Coyle reported that a pre-bid conference on the maximum security jail project was held at 9:30 a.m. today. He stated that thirteen general contractors were present, along with a number of subcontractors. Mr. Coyle stated that the conference went well, and stated that attendance at the pre-bid conference was mandatory if bidding on the project.

Mr. Coyle discussed the water system for the proposed jails and the existing penal farm, advising that two water wells are necessary. Mr. Coyle stated that easements are needed from the police jury and the law enforcement district in order to run water lines between the two wells. He stated that the existing highway right-of-way is not adequate, and stated that utility relocation will also be necessary. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to grant easements as needed for the installation of water lines and the relocation of utilities at the site of the proposed maximum security jail and the existing penal farm, and to authorize Mr. Altimus to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the police jury. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19th day of February, 2003, that Bill Altimus, Bossier Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury all documents in connection with the granting of easements as needed for the installation of water lines and the relocation of utilities at the site of the proposed maximum security jail and the existing penal farm.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of February, 2003.

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Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, advised that in accordance with a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Bossier Parish Law Enforcement District, the cost of the proposed water system was to be divided equally among the three correctional facilities. He stated that because state funding to the Bossier Sheriff's Department for construction of the medium security facility is restricted, it is necessary for the police jury to assume cost for the water system, and the Sheriff's Department will assume all sewer system costs. Mr. Jackson stated that a resolution is needed supporting this change. **Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Williams, to adopt a resolution supporting an agreement in which the Bossier Parish Police Jury will assume responsibility for the water system and the Bossier Sheriff's Department will assume responsibility for the sewer system at the proposed Bossier Parish jail facilities, and the existing penal farm facility. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 19th day of February, 2003, does approve the amendment of the cooperative endeavor agreement with the Bossier Parish Law Enforcement District dated February 6, 2002, to allow the Bossier Parish Police Jury to be primarily responsible for the off site water system necessary to supply the combined facilities mentioned therein; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury has presently sufficient funds on hand to complete the project within the expedited time frame necessary to insure ample water supply for fire protection of those facilities currently under construction; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Law Enforcement District will be primarily responsible for the off site sewer system for the combined facilities. As time is not of the essence for the sewer system and as the Law Enforcement District is awaiting money from the State of Louisiana, more time is needed to secure the necessary funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury desires to amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in accordance with the preamble.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute the amended Cooperative Endeavor Agreement containing the provisions set forth herein between the Bossier Parish Police Jury and the Bossier Parish Law Enforcement District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury authorizes the Parish Attorney to take whatever action necessary in furtherance of the combined facilities project set forth herein.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Williams. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of February, 2003.

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Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Williams, to authorize the advertising for bids for the demolition of a house at 140 North Willow Drive, Bossier City, LA; bids to be received March 19, 2003. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Altimus advised that this house was purchased through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program, and that FEMA will pay 75% of the demolition costs. If no bids are received, the work will be done in-house.

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to authorize the advertising for bids for the demolition of a house at 645 Pine Cone Drive, Haughton, LA; bids to be received March 19, 2003. Motion carried unanimously. The house was purchased through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program.

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the sale of surplus property at 2020 Nina Street, Lots 31-36, McCall Subdivision, Unit A, Bossier City, LA; minimum bid acceptable is \$3,936.16. Bids were read aloud as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Willie S. Blackshire	\$4,000.00
Opal Buckner	\$4,700.00
Boggs Contracting Group	\$4,550.00
Willie S. Blackshire	\$5,500.00

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to accept the high bid of Willie S. Blackshire in the amount of \$5,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Irvin Grant, Supervisor at the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center, presented statistics for the facility for the month of January, 2003.

Mr. Rogers requested that the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 3, be delayed. He stated that the Bossier City-Parish MPC has delayed its approval of the proposed development due to unresolved issues.

Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance establishing regulations pertaining to criminal trespass of property without consent of the owner, legal agent, or legal lessee. Mr. Altimus reported that the Bossier Sheriff's Department has offered its full support of the proposed regulations. Lieutenant Dick Barnes, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, stated that they have no objection to the proposed ordinance. He stated that his department is responsible for the enforcement of state law, but that any local regulations will further assist in resolving trespass violations. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that the proposed ordinance puts the burden on the person trespassing, provided the property is properly posted. He stated that proposed regulations include provisions for employees of timber companies.

A member of the audience stated that he has experienced problems with theft and vandalism on his property, and that he is in favor of the proposed regulations.

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adopt an ordinance establishing regulations pertaining to criminal trespass of property without the consent of the owner, legal agent, or legal lessee. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 3862

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS TO GOVERN AND PENALTIES FOR THE CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF PROPERTY WITHOUT THE EXPLICIT CONSENT OF THE OWNER, LEGAL AGENT, OR LEGAL LESSEE OF THE PROPERTY.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, that CRIMINAL TRESPASS will be defined as when a person is on the property of another without the explicit consent of the owner, legal agent, or legal lessee of the property when the person:

- A. Had notice entry was forbidden.
- B. Had notice and failed to depart.
 1. Entry means intrusion of the entire body.
 2. Notice means:
 - A) Written or oral communication of owner or someone with apparent authority to act for owner.
 - B) Fence or other enclosure obviously designed to exclude intruders or to contain livestock.
 - C) Sign or signs posted on property at obvious points of ingress or egress, which is reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders that entry is forbidden.
 - D) Placement of vertical lines of identifying purple paint marks on trees or posts on the property provided that the marks are:
 - (a) Vertical Lines are at least eight inches in length and not less than one inch wide.
 - (b) Placed so the bottom of the mark is not less than three feet from the ground and no more than five feet high.
 - (1) One hundred feet apart on forest land or
 - (2) One thousand feet apart on other land.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the affirmative defenses to the prosecution to this ordinance shall be:

- A. The person who enters has written consent to be on the property by the owner or his legal agent (legal lessee of the property)
- B. A forester or his employee engaged in conducting a forestry survey or other related foresting operations.
- C. Peace officer or Wildlife and Fisheries agents in the line-of-duty.
- D. Employees of Louisiana Forestry Commission entering for the purpose of suppressing wildfires.
- E. A registered surveyor or his employees engaged in the "practice of land surveying".

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the penalties for criminal trespass be:

- A. The first offense of Criminal Trespass shall carry a fine not less than One Hundred Dollars and not more than Five Hundred Dollars and/or Thirty days imprisoned in the parish jail.
- B. Second offense of Criminal Trespass regardless of whether the second offense occurred before or after the first conviction, the offense shall carry a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and not more than Five Hundred Dollars and/or sixty days in the parish jail or both.
- C. Third or subsequent convictions, the offense shall carry a fine of Five Hundred Dollars and/or imprisoned for ninety (90) days in the parish jail or both.

If any provision of the ordinance is found invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rogers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of February, 2003.

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Mr. Altimus presented pictures of property at 1260 Lars Road, advising that some work has been done. Mr. Rogers stated that a substantial amount of work is still needed, but Mr. Lars has made some effort. The matter is to be reviewed at the March 19, 2003 regular meeting.

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, discussed a proposed local services agreement between the police jury and the City of Bossier City. He stated that the City of Bossier City has limited quick-take authority in acquiring right-of-way, but that the police jury is required, when necessary, to expropriate needed right-of-way. Mr. Jackson stated that expropriation procedures are costly and time-consuming. The proposed joint agreement will provide both the police jury and the City of Bossier City with quick-take authority in the acquisition of right-of-way. Mr. Jackson stated that the current agreement applies only to the Airline Drive widening project, the Riverwalk project, and the Traffic Street widening project, but that other projects can be added when necessary. The agreement has been approved by the City of Bossier City. **Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Williams, to adopt an ordinance authorizing the Bossier Parish Police Jury to enter into a Local Services Agreement with the City of Bossier City, and authorizing the Mr. Altimus, Parish Administrator, to execute any documents in connection with said agreement. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3863

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PARISH OF BOSSIER TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier mutually benefit from the development of infrastructure which enhances existing businesses and encourages the development of new business entities in both the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier have engaged in joint endeavors regarding the development of industrial parks, juvenile detention facilities, jail operations, and street, highway or road projects, zoning master plans and a uniform development code, which benefit the citizens of Bossier Parish and the City of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, a local services agreement between the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier will facilitate intergovernmental functions to provide greater economy and efficiency in the operation of local services; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Parish of Bossier and the City of Bossier will benefit by the development created by the widening of Traffic Street, the widening of Airline Drive, and construction of streets into the Riverwalk Development; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Bossier is facilitating the Traffic Street widening and the Riverwalk development by the transfer of property owned by the parish to provide rights of way necessary to complete the projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the CITY OF BOSSIER CITY and the PARISH OF BOSSIER are joining together to plan, finance, construct, acquire and/or improve public projects, servitudes, rights of way, easements, streets, highways and roads within the Parish of Bossier and/or the City of Bossier City; to operate and maintain such public projects or improvements necessary or incidental thereto and to avail themselves of the method of acquisition of public projects, servitudes, rights of way, easements, streets, highways and roads within the Parish of Bossier and/or the City of Bossier City, specifically allowed in La. R.S. 33:1329, all for and on behalf of the residents of the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the City of Bossier City and/or the Parish of Bossier shall have the right individually or jointly to acquire property pursuant to La. R.S. 33:1329 in furtherance of the Traffic Street Widening Project, the Airline Drive Widening Project and the Riverwalk Project, each listed project being a joint project of both entities.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Parish Administrator, William Altimus, is authorized to sign the Local Services Agreement containing the provisions set forth herein between CITY OF BOSSIER CITY and the PARISH OF BOSSIER.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury authorizes the Parish Attorney to take

whatever action necessary in furtherance of the joint projects set forth herein.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Williams. It was duly adopted on this 19th day of February, 2003, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Shell, Mr. Williams.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hammack

ABSTAIN: None

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Mr. Rogers reported on a meeting of the Policy and Procedures Committee regarding the committee's review of a salary survey. Mr. Rogers stated that the salary information provided appears to be in line, and that survey resources were also reviewed. He stated that the committee recommends that the salaries provided apply to new hires, and that some current employees would be reviewed on an individual basis. Mr. Rogers stated that the Policy and Procedures Committee recommends adoption of the salary schedule, but that he would like for all jurors to review the information prior to final adoption.

Mr. Rogers further reported that the need for a human resources manager in the police jury office was discussed. He stated that the committee recommends the hiring of a human resources employee to assist in training, evaluation procedures, review of leave policies, grievance policies, and several other areas of employee policy/procedures. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, to proceed with the hiring of a human resources manager for the police jury office.** Mr. Cummings recommended that this employee work independently, and that employees are made aware that a human resources manager is available to them if needed. **Upon second by Mr. Cummings, votes were cast on Mr. Rogers' motion to approve the hiring of human resources manager for the police jury office, at a salary of up to \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adopt a resolution supporting Christus Schumpert Medical Center and allowing Christus Schumpert Medical Center to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program. Motion carried, with Mr. Darby abstaining from vote.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF CHRISTUS SCHUMPERT MEDICAL CENTER, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated Census Tract 106.02 Block Group 4 in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787-1791); and

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

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

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

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.
3. To rebate all local sales/use taxes, except those that are dedicated to the repayment of a bond issue, on the purchase of eligible construction materials, machinery, and equipment purchased for this project and used by the business **permanently on that site.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 19th day of February, 2003, that Christus Schumpert Medical Center, and their project facility expansions and upgrades, Enterprise Zone Application #20030037 is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

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

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. It was duly adopted on this 19th day of February, 2003, with Mr. Darby abstaining from vote.

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Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt a resolution supporting Olde Oaks Golf Club, LLC, and allowing Olde Oaks Golf Club, LLC, to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF OLDE OAKS GOLF CLUB, L.L.C., TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated Census Tract 110.98 Block Group 3 in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787-1791); and

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

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

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

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.
3. To rebate all local sales/use taxes, except those that are dedicated to the repayment of a bond issue, on the purchase of eligible construction materials, machinery, and equipment purchased for this project and used by the business **permanently on that site.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 19th day of February, 2003, that Olde Oaks Golf Club, L.L.C., and their project Clubhouse Expansion, Enterprise Zone Application #20030031 is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

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

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of February, 2003.

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Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adopt a resolution supporting Louisiana Riverwalk, LLC, and allowing Louisiana Riverwalk, LLC, to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program.

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Jackson stated that the Enterprise Zone Program is administered through the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and provides state sales tax rebates to companies who employ low to moderate income employees. He stated that he understands that it does not effect local sales tax

Votes were cast on Mr. Darby's motion to adopt a resolution supporting Louisiana Riverwalk, LLC, as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF LOUISIANA RIVERWALK, L.L.C., TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated Census Tract 104.00 Block Group 2 in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787-1791); and

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

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

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

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.
3. To rebate all local sales/use taxes, except those that are dedicated to the repayment of a bond issue, on the purchase of eligible construction materials, machinery, and equipment purchased for this project and used by the business **permanently on that site.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 19th day of February, 2003, that Louisiana Riverwalk, L.L.C., and their project Louisiana Riverwalk, Enterprise Zone Application #20030043 is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

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

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Rogers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of February, 2003.

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Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, discussed a request for the police jury's support of efforts to obtain funding for the Shreveport/Bossier City Regional ITS Plan. He explained that officials plan to travel to Washington, DC, to request \$20 million in funds to enhance and modernize traffic flow and prevent traffic delays. Mr. Ford stated that the plan will address problems on Louisiana Highway 3 and Airline Drive in Bossier Parish, and all roads within Bossier City.

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt a resolution supporting the Shreveport/Bossier City Regional ITS Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19th day of February, 2003, that it does hereby support efforts of the Shreveport/Bossier City Regional ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) to obtain funding for development of a traffic control plan.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of February, 2003.

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Mr. Ford presented cost estimates for proposed improvements at the parish camp at Lake Bistineau, and at the proposed recreation site at Tall Timbers. He stated that at the parish camp on Lake Bistineau, the construction of roadway including RV parking spaces, and the installation of tables on a concrete pad, will cost approximately \$10,000.

Mr. Ford presented a price estimate of \$100,000 for proposed work at the Tall Timbers site. He stated that a walking trail, soccer and softball fields, and a playground are proposed. He stated fencing is included to control park access. Mr. Ford also recommended that access to the levee be prohibited.

Mr. Ford stated that he will provide an estimate for the Ivan Lake park area next month.

Mr. Shell requested that a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee be scheduled for 1:00 p.m., March 5, 2003, prior to the regular meeting, to discuss Mr. Ford's proposals, and to prioritize these projects. Mr. Darby recommended that the availability of grant funds for these projects be researched. Mr. Ford stated that the Federal Highway Administration does have a program for parks and that he will look into this.

Mr. Altimus stated that Mr. Don McCutchen with Bass Life has advised that they would like to build a fishing pier at the parish camp and are willing to pay all costs.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to authorize a letter supporting a request of the 26th Judicial District for two additional Assistant District Attorneys. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to authorize payment of accounts payable invoices for the month of January, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Altimus reported that Representative Billy Montgomery has advised that he will support legislation which will allow the police jury to collect expenses for clean up and/or demolition of condemned properties in the parish.

Mr. Altimus reported on asbestos abatement in the courthouse this week, advising that the jail is complete and that a portion of the Clerk's office has been done, and that Courtroom B is complete. Mr. Altimus commended employees for working long hours to restore the offices and courtroom.

Mr. Altimus reported that he and Mr. Meachum will attend a meeting of the Board of Commissioners for South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2 regarding personnel complaints at the fire district.

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that River Ridge Subdivision is now in compliance, and that in addition to the two-year maintenance bond of Bowman Asphalt, the developer has guaranteed maintenance of the streets and drainage for an additional two years.

Mr. Ford provided jurors with a copy of proposed revisions to subdivision regulations pertaining to street construction requirements, asking that they review the proposed changes and advise of any comments. He stated that he has solicited comments from a group of engineers and contractors, and that he hopes to have the revisions finalized for presentation at the March 5 regular meeting.

Mr. Ford recommended enforcement of regulations which provide for the collection of an inspection fee of three percent of construction costs on construction within the five-mile MPC jurisdiction, and recommended that the inspections be done in-house.

There was discussion of the use of dyed fuel at the highway department. Mr. Ford recommended that low sulfur dyed fuel be used for highway use, advising that this will eliminate the \$.24 per gallon tax currently charged due to the use of clear diesel fuel. Mr. Cathcart, Road Superintendent, stated that fuel tanks at the highway department are clearly marked for highway use and non-highway use.

Mr. Ford presented a project management cost comparison for the courthouse renovation/jail construction projects.

Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to accept the resignation of Mr. Jerry Huddleston from the Board of Commissioners for Northeast Bossier Parish Fire District No. 5, and to approve the appointment of Mr. George T. Mays to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Huddleston, term to expire 12/31/03. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Williams, to authorize Mr. Kenneth Starnes, Section 8 Housing Director, to have a VISA credit card account for travel purposes, with a maximum limit of \$2,500, and to authorize Mr. Starnes' signature on the account. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 19th day of February, 2003, that it does hereby authorize the application for a VISA credit card on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury - Section 8 Housing Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a maximum credit limit of \$2,500 is stipulated, and that the signature of Mr. Kenneth M. Starnes, Director of the Section 8 Housing Office, is required on said credit purchases.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Williams. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of February, 2003.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER

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Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the application of Terry Watts for a 2003 beer license at Camp Joy Restaurant and Steakhouse, 4922 Camp Joy Road, Haughton, LA. Motion carried unanimously. The application has been approved by the Health Department and the Sheriff's Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Altimus to schedule public hearings on March 19, 2003, to consider the following. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1) To consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Sligo Acres, located in the southwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.
- 2) To consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 7, located in Lot 5 of Big Bee Bend Subdivision, in the south 1/2 of Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.
- 3) To consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 8, located in Lot 5 of Big Bee Bend Subdivision, in the south 1/2 of Sections 33 and 34, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.
- 4) To consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of The Colony, Unit No. 1, located in a portion of Lots 8 and 9, Whittington Subdivision, and an adjacent tract of land, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, reported that the new sign located at Benton Road and Cash Point Road, is clearly an off-premise sign.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to deviate from the agenda to add Ms. Nita Gregorzyck, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Gregorzyck extended an invitation to jurors to a fish fry at the Sheriff's Department Substation, Viking Drive, on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adjourn into executive session to discuss the matter of Rebecca Steger vs. Bossier Parish Police Jury. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. It was requested that Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, send a follow-up letter to the owner of property at 584 Millers Bluff Road, Plain Dealing, regarding the condemnation of this property.

Mr. Williams advised that he is contributing \$4,000 to the football program at Benton High School, and that any remaining funds he has will go to the Benton High School girls softball program.

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Shell, that the proposed park at Tall Timbers will be named "Bossier Parish War and Space Veterans Memorial Park". Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rogers discussed fencing at the Haughton Athletic sports complex, advising that estimated cost for the fencing is \$25,000. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers that the police jury allocate no more than \$25,000 from the Parks and Recreation Fund to Haughton Athletics for fencing.**

After discussion, **Mr. Rogers amended his motion to stipulate that Haughton Athletics donate right-of-way for the fence to the police jury. Upon second by Mr. Mitchell and vote, motion, as amended, carried unanimously.**

Mr. Altimus reported that he has expended his \$5,000 for school assistance projects for the year 2003. Mr. Altimus advised that he has recommended that a small portion of his funds go to the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank and to Sci-Port Discovery Center. Mr. Jackson expressed concern regarding the donation of public funds to such entities. Mr. Jackson is to research this matter. Mr. Cummings recommended that receipts be obtained for all expenses in order to justify these expenditures for audit purposes.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19th day of February, 2003, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:20 p.m.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

