

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
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BENTON, LOUISIANA  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 4th day of June, 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. Henry Mitchell. The Secretary-Treasurer, Cheryl Martin, called the roll, with all members present, 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	Mr. Jesse Williams

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Others present were Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Cheryl Martin, Secretary-Treasurer.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Williams, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Harry Riser. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Kenneth Starnes, Section 8 Housing Director, reported that HUD has increased administration fees for the Section 8 Housing program by \$15,000 per year, and requested authority to increase his 2003 salary budget, up to \$10,000. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve an increase in the 2003 Section 8 Housing salary budget, up to \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Harry Riser, Coordinating and Development Corporation, offered assistance in the administration of Louisiana Community Development Block Grants for the 2003-2004 funding cycle. Mr. Riser stated that the 2003-2004 funding cycle begins after June 11, 2003, and that that the Coordinating and Development Corporation would provide this service for the amount of funding included in the grant for administrative fees.

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Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for Official Journal for the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, as follows:

Bossier Newspaper Publishing Co., Inc. (Bossier Press Tribune/Bossier Banner Progress):

For printing official proceedings	\$21,000.00 (Lump Sum)
For printing jury venire and any other printing of the police jury	\$ 5.00 per column inch

Ms. Martin advised that this is the only bid received. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to accept the bid of Bossier Newspaper Publishing Company, Inc. (Bossier Press Tribune/Bossier Banner Progress), for Official Journal for the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the sale of surplus property at 547 Wyche Street, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA, as follows:

Jerry A. Brown \$325.00

Ms. Martin advised that this is the only bid received, and that the minimum bid acceptable is \$307.73. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to accept the bid of Jerry A. Brown in the amount of \$325.00 for the sale of surplus property at 547 Wyche Street, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of Eighty-Eight Acres, Inc., to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in the S/2 of Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-1, One-Family Residence District, for a single family subdivision. The application received an unfavorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish MPC, based on the determination that manufactured housing is not compatible with the surrounding construction.

Mr. Jeff Raley, Smith and Raley, Inc., spoke on behalf of Eighty-Eight Acres, Inc., advising that the proposed development is to consist of four lots initially, with a total of 16 lots possible in the future. He stated that water for the development will be provided by Village Water System, and individual sewerage treatment systems are proposed. Mr. Raley stated that manufactured homes are allowed in the proposed development. He stated that drainage from the proposed development will run to open ditches along Bellevue Road.

Mr. Rogers discussed the original plans for Sterling Ranch Estates. Mr. Raley stated that this property was originally included in the masterplan for Sterling Ranch Estates, but was never developed. The zoning has since reverted back to R-1, Residence-Agriculture District.

Mr. Avery asked if the proposed development adjoins back yards of Sterling Ranch Estates. Mr. Raley stated that this development is approximately 400 yards from Sterling Ranch Estates, and that these four lots will front on Bellevue Road. Mr. Rogers questioned unsold acreage owned by the developer. Mr. Raley stated that the developer owns 12 acres south of Sterling Ranch Estates, Unit No. 1.

Mr. Altimus questioned why the developer wants to allow manufactured homes in this development, stating that only stick-built homes with a minimum of 2,000 square feet are allowed in Sterling Ranch Estates. Mr. Raley stated that the developer feels this will make the property more affordable. Mr. Altimus stated homeowners in Sterling Ranch Estates should expect a similar development.

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that the MPC feels that manufactured homes are not compatible with existing homes in this area.

Mr. Reggie Lewis, 8829 Erickson Lane, spoke in opposition, advising that he feels to allow manufactured homes in this development will have an adverse affect on the residential character of this area. Mr. Lewis stated that he and a partner recently purchased 15 acres from Ms. Pamela Arnold, Eighty-Eight Acres, Inc., which was formerly platted as Sterling Ranch Estates, Unit No. 3. He stated that he was advised that no future development of this property was planned. He stated that drainage from the proposed development will run toward his property. Mr. Lewis requested that the police jury deny the application of Eighty-Eight Acres, Inc.

Mr. Gary Lain, 2 East Rex Beard Road, expressed his opposition, stating that Bellevue Road is a very busy and dangerous road. He further questioned long term maintenance of the proposed sewer treatment units, stating that upkeep is very expensive. Mr. Altimus asked the average price of homes in the area. Mr. Lain stated that he feels any home on Rex Beard Road would be valued in excess of \$125,000. He stated that he is not opposed to the development, but is opposed to allowing manufactured homes.

Ms. Belinda Hogsett, 12 Sterling Ranch Road North, stated that the developer guaranteed them that any future development of this area would consist of stick-built homes only. She stated that they were advised that the site of the proposed subdivision would remain a part of Sterling Ranch Estates.

Mr. John Bird, 54 Sterling Ranch Road, expressed opposition. Mr. David Bird, 82 Meadow Cove, expressed concern regarding maintenance of the proposed sewerage treatment plants.

Ms. Crissie Wade, 17 Sterling Ranch Road, stated that Sterling Ranch Estates was originally planned for four units. She expressed opposition to the placement of manufactured homes in the proposed development. Ms. Wade expressed concern regarding increased traffic on Bellevue Road, stating that the road is already very congested.

The President called for a show of hands of those in the audience who are opposed. The parish attorney reported a count of 46 persons opposed. Mr. Altimus reported that pictures and letters have also been received from persons who are opposed. Mr. Cochran expressed appreciation to members of the audience for making the police jury aware of the many concerns.

Mr. Rogers discussed the recently adopted Bossier Comprehensive Land Use Development Plan, advising that the site of the proposed development is designated a sensitive development area. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City MPC, stated that this designation is due to potential drainage and flooding problems in the area, and the density of existing homes.

Mr. Rogers expressed his appreciation to persons in the audience for their input and information regarding this issue. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to uphold the decision of the Bossier City-Parish MPC to deny the application of Eighty-Eight Acres, Inc., for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in the S/2 of Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-1, One-Family Residence District, for a single family subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of Zone Systems, Inc., to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for Planning Approval and a 103' height variance on an R-A tract, 1141 Highway 527, Elm Grove, Bossier Parish, LA., to locate a 303' guyed telecommunications tower. Mr. Jim Walker, Zone Systems, Inc., stated that collocation is authorized on the proposed tower, which will service Verizon Wireless.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the application of Zone Systems, Inc., for Planning Approval and a 103' height variance on an R-A tract at 1141 Highway 527, Elm Grove, LA, for location of a 303' guyed telecommunications tower. Motion carried, with Mr. Hammack abstaining from vote.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of Zone Systems, Inc., for Planning Approval on an R-A tract, 1358 Sligo Road, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA., to locate a 176' self-supporting telecommunications tower. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the application of Zone Systems, Inc., for Planning Approval on an R-A tract located at 1358 Sligo Road, Bossier City, LA, for location of a 176' self-supporting telecommunications tower. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of Jim S. Dowling to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in the northeast quarter of Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from B-3, Community and Central Business District, to I-1, Light Industry District, for a warehouse/shop with office and showroom, with a request to waive landscaping. Ms. Amy Grant, 308 Market Street, Shreveport, LA, spoke on behalf of Jim S. Dowling. She stated that a waiver of landscaping is no longer requested, and the landscape plan for the project has been revised and is in full compliance. Ms. Grant stated that construction equipment display and rental is proposed. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to approve the application of Jim S. Dowling for a zoning amendment, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### ORDINANCE NO. 3880

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 783 OF 1978, THE BOSSIER CITY-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING REGULATIONS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM B-3, COMMUNITY AND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, meeting in regular and legal session on this 4th day of June, 2003, that Ordinance No. 783 of 1978 of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from B-3, Community and Central Business District, to I-1, Light Industry District, more particularly described as follows:

That certain tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 13 West,

Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the northerly right-of-way line of Viking Drive and the westerly right-of-way line of Swan Lake Road; Run thence along said northerly right-of-way line South 65° 13' 36" West a distance of 600 feet; Thence leaving said right-of-way line run North 24° 46' 24" West a distance of 411.22 feet; Run thence North 65° 13' 36" East a distance of 347.64 feet; Run thence North 20° 00' 00" West a distance of 178.0 feet to the point of beginning of that certain tract of land described herein. Run thence North 23° 25' 17" West a distance of 483.66 feet to a point on the centerline of Benoist Bayou; Run thence along said centerline North 60° 57' 24" East a distance of 189.51 feet; Thence leaving said centerline run South 29° 36' 16" East a distance of 89.16 feet; Run thence North 67° 37' 43" East a distance of 59.80 feet to a point on the westerly right-of-way line of Swan Lake Road; Run thence along said right-of-way line South 23° 25' 17" East a distance of 409.88 feet; Run thence southwesterly 258.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Applicant: Jim S. Dowling

Purpose: Warehouse/Shop with office and showroom area

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Meachum. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of June, 2003.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Haughton Corners, Unit No. 3, located in Sections 16 and 17, Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Kennon Harville, developer, stated that the proposed development is located on Highway 157 south of Haughton, and advised that this is the last of three units to be developed. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that all requirements are met, and recommended approval. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Haughton Corners, Unit No. 3, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Princeton Estates, Unit No. 5, located in the northeast 1/4 of Section 6, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, requested that this matter be tabled, advising that he has questions regarding roads in the proposed development. **Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to table approval of the plat of the proposed development of Princeton Road Estates, Unit No. 5. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to schedule a public hearing on July 2, 2003, to consider the application of Tri-State Sand & Gravel, Inc., to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-1, One-Family Residence District, for an extension to an existing subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Meachum reported that the owners of the old Johnson store property at the intersection of Highway 157 and Highway 154, have advised that they will mow the grass and clean up the trash on the property. He stated that it is requested that the building remain on the property, as it is considered an historical landmark. Mr. Meachum stated that the clean-up should be completed within two weeks. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to take no action in the condemnation of the old Johnson store property at the intersection of Highway 157 and Highway 154. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Avery, to adopt a resolution supporting Lowe's Home Centers, Inc., and allowing Lowe's Home Centers, Inc., to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program. Motion carried, with Mr. Cochran opposing.**

#### RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, INC., TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated Census Tract 106.01 Block Group 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 4th day of June, 2003, that Lowe's Home Centers, Inc., and their project Lowe's of Bossier City, LA, Enterprise Zone Application #20030053 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. Shell, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of June, 2003.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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Ms. Martin advised that notification of the availability of funds through the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Program for FY2003 has been received. She stated that applications for funding must be submitted no later than July 9, 2003.

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Mr. Altimus reported that he will meet with Mr. Burt on Saturday regarding the possible use of Burt property located across from the courthouse as a parking lot during courthouse renovation construction. He stated that the lot is located between the bail bond office and James Southerland's law office. Mr. Altimus stated that the Benton MPC has approved the request to allow parking on Burt Boulevard. He advised that to construct a parking lot on the Burt property will cost approximately \$50,000. Mr. Avery suggested that the police jury offer to buy this property. Mr. Altimus is to review all options with Mr. Burt and report back to the police jury.

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Mr. Altimus reported that bids received for installation of the water system at the penal farm are under the amount budgeted for the project. He stated that the total low bid is approximately \$430,000.

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Mr. Altimus discussed the recent renovation of the first floor of the health unit, advising that the project has been completed \$26,884 under the budgeted amount, and requested that the remaining funds be used to replace all windows in the health unit. Mr. Altimus stated that to replace all existing single-pane windows with double-pane windows will cost approximately \$30,000, and requested authority to use the remaining \$26,884 for this project, with the balance of the total cost for window replacement to be taken from the Health Unit Fund. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the requested use of funding for replacement of all windows in the health unit. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Altimus discussed oil/gas production revenues which have been placed in the Parks and Recreation Fund for improvements to parish recreational areas, advising that oil/gas revenues have increased. Mr. Altimus reviewed expenditures to date from the Parks and Recreation Fund for improvements at the Parish Camp on Lake Bistineau, the Ivan Lake recreation area and at the site of the proposed park at Tall Timbers. He stated that the Ivan Lake Road is in bad need of repair, at an approximate cost of \$30,000. Mr. Altimus recommended that funds to repair the Ivan Lake Road be taken from the Parks and Recreation Fund. He stated that the Public Works Director has advised that repair work is badly needed on the Sligo Road, and Highway Department funds will be used for those improvements.

Mr. Altimus stated that the Town of Benton has requested \$46,850 to assist in development of a park at the old Benton High School football field, and that there are sufficient funds in the Parks and Recreation Fund to provide the requested funding. He stated that if these projects are funded, the Parks and Recreation Fund will have a balance of approximately \$45,000.

There was discussion of assisting the City of Bossier City with the construction of practice fields behind Golden Meadows Subdivision. Mr. Avery discussed property owned by the police jury on Old Brownlee Road, stating that a park for north Bossier could be considered at this location.

**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Dr. Shell, to authorize an expenditure of \$30,000 from the Parks and Recreation Fund for repair of the Ivan Lake Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Rogers stated that since funding is available, he recommends that Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Tall Timbers park project be completed now. **Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Shell, to proceed with the completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Tall Timbers park project.**

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Altimus recommended that the jury consider placing a cap on expenditures from the Parks and Recreation Fund, stating that funding for maintenance of the new park facilities will be required. He further suggested that the jury consider establishment of an infrastructure fund for future utility projects.

**Votes were cast on Mr. Rogers' motion to proceed with the completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Tall Timbers park project. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Altimus presented correspondence from Cox Communications advising of a rate increase effective July 1, 2003.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize the President to execute a Letter of Agreement in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way for the Airline Drive expansion project on property owned by G. Keith Christy. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4th day of June, 2003, that Jimmy Cochran, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a Letter of Agreement in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way for the Airline Drive expansion project on property owned by G. Keith Christy.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of June, 2003.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
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BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on July 2, 2003, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed subdivision of Lot 1, Forest Lake Subdivision, located in Section 10, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on July 2, 2003, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed resubdivision of Lot 1, Woodlake South Subdivision, Unit No. 4, located in Section 7, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Ford reported that dirt work has begun at the site of the new maximum security prison, and that they could begin pouring concrete within 30 days. He further reported that final revisions have been made on the courthouse renovation/addition plans and that the project may be advertised for bids after the June 18 regular meeting.

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Ms. Martin requested that a public hearing be scheduled on July 16, 2003, to adopt property tax millage rates for 2003. She advised that millage rates for the Highway Fund and the Health Unit Fund can be rolled forward, and presented a breakdown of current tax millage rates and revenues. **Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on July 16, 2003, to establish property tax millage rates for 2003. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Gary Cathcart, Public Works Director, reported that a 25 mile per hour speed limit is requested on Lafitte Lane. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to establish a 25 mile per hour speed limit of Lafitte Lane, located off Benton Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

## ORDINANCE NO. 3881

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON LAFITTE LANE, LOCATED OFF BENTON ROAD IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 4th day of June, 2003, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon Lafitte Lane, located off Benton Road, in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in excess of Twenty-Five (25) miles per hour.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this ordinance, shall be fined a sum not to exceed One Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$100.00), or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of June, 2003.

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Mr. Cathcart presented a mosquito control report, advising that 178 locations have been treated. He further reported that 16 road overlay projects have been completed for 2003, for a total of 12.65 miles.

Mr. Cathcart stated that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has requested improvements to the Poole Road bridge. He stated that to bring the bridge to a 10-15 ton load capacity will cost approximately \$98,258. Mr. Cathcart stated that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is unable to move heavy equipment over the bridge to the game reserve for logging operations. Mr. Cathcart is to further discuss this matter with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Mr. Cathcart presented a report on the number of culvert and utility permits issued.

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Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, reported that he has reviewed and approved specifications for the relocation of utilities on Airline Drive.

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Mr. Jackson requested that Mr. Cochran and Mr. Altimus be authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department and the Central Bossier Water System in regard to water at the parish jail facilities. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to authorize Mr. Cochran and Mr. Altimus to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department and Central Bossier Water System in regard to water at the parish penal facilities. Motion carried unanimously.**

## RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 4th day of June, 2003, that it does hereby authorize Mr. Jimmy Cochran, President, and Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator, to execute on its behalf, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department and Central Bossier Water System, in connection with water at the parish penal facilities.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of June, 2003.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to authorize the Parish Attorney to enter an appeal in the 1st District Court in Baton Rouge in regard to litigation involving the police jury as Tax Commission in connection with Wal-Mart telephone cards. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation regarding riverboat gaming revenues. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded: AYES: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Shell, Mr. Williams.**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

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The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President.

Mr. Johnston advised that a pump at the lift station for the Carstarphen Heights sewage collection system in Plain Dealing is not working. Mr. Altimus stated that the police jury recently approved the purchase of a new pump for the system and recommended that an increase in user and maintenance fees be considered. He stated that current fees are not adequate to maintain the equipment. Mr. Cochran stated that he is in favor of buying a new pump at this time. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to authorize the purchase of a new pump for the Carstarphen Heights sewage collection system at an estimated cost of \$4,300. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve an increase in the user fee for the Carstarphen Heights sewage collection system from \$.50 to \$1.00 per month, and to increase the maintenance fee from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per month, and to send a 60-day notice to persons on the system of the increase in fees. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Johnston requested increased mosquito control in the north end of the parish.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Shell, that Mr. Mitchell will contribute approximately \$2,500 to Meadowview School for library and playground equipment. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Meachum asked the status of problems with Lawler Construction in restoring property in the laying of water lines for Sligo Water System. Mr. Ford stated that he and Mr. Jackson are researching this matter.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt a resolution of appreciation to Ms. Bessie Hudson for her years of service to the police jury. Motion carried unanimously.** Ms. Hudson recently retired after 23 years of service.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Bessie Hudson retired on May 12, 2003, after 23 years employment with the Bossier Parish Section 8 Housing Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hudson served as receptionist for the Section 8 Housing Program, and as Coordinator for the Family Self-Sufficiency Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hudson was a faithful employee who assisted in the police jury office when needed, and performed her duties in a professional manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury expresses its sincere appreciation to Ms. Bessie Hudson for her many years of dedicated service to the Bossier Parish Police Jury and to the Bossier Parish Section 8 Housing Program, and does wish her well in her retirement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of June, 2003.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt a resolution of appreciation to Ms. Jo Ann Seaman for her years of service as a member of the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Jo Ann Seaman has resigned from the Board of Commissioners for the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Seaman was appointed to the original Board of Commissioners for the EMS District in November, 1993, and has served diligently since that time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on this 4th day of June, 2003, that it does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Ms. Jo Ann Seaman for the giving of her time and service to the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District, and to the citizens of Bossier Parish.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of June, 2003.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Cummings, that Mr. Darby will contribute \$1,700 to Red River Marina Alternative School for computers, and that Mr. Darby will contribute \$634.50, and Mr. Cummings will contribute \$787.60 to Bossier High School for cheerleader expenses. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Williams presented photographs of property on Linton Road, advising that there are several old cars on the property. He stated that Mr. Edmiston, Tax Assessor, has offered to check into this matter.

Mr. Williams further reported that property at 1098 Linton Road, (corner of Linton Road and Old Palmetto Road) needs to be cleaned up due to old cars and junk on the property. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to notify the owner of property at 1098 Linton Road that the property must be cleaned up in accordance with**

**property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Williams advised of two properties on Vance Road that are in violation of property standards regulations, and requested that the owner be notified. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to notify the owners of two properties on Vance Road that the property must be cleaned up in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Shell advised of letters of appreciation from schools in south Bossier for the jury's assistance. Mr. Hammack stated that the schools are very appreciative.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Shell, to notify the owner of property at 641 Chandler Road to clean up the property in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously**

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Mr. Rogers reported on a meeting with Mr. Lee Underwood, Balar Associates, Inc., regarding the proposed creation of a sewer district in the Haughton area. He stated they will be ready soon to schedule a public hearing for creation of the district, and to proceed with the naming of a board of directors for the district.

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Mr. Shell requested a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee at 1:15 p.m., on June 18, 2003, prior to the Finance Committee meeting.

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Jurors were provided copies of the new Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, which is to be formally adopted on June 18.

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Mr. Avery advised of complaints regarding mosquitoes at the Cypress Forest boat launch.

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Mr. Avery discuss FEMA buy-out property at 140 N. Airline Drive, advising that the church has requested that they be allowed to put up a fence. Mr. Jackson stated that they can fence the property, provided it is left open to the public.

Mr. Altimus referred to property at the site of the old Branding Iron restaurant at Willow Chute, and asked if this property can be declared as surplus and sold. Mr. Jackson stated that he will review FEMA guidelines.

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Mr. Avery asked the status of the bridge off Wemple Road over Willow Chute Bayou. Mr. Mitchell stated that the Levee Board has advised that they do not own the bridge. He stated that the bridge is fairly safe, as some work has been done by the persons who use the bridge. Mr. Avery stated that he has received complaints from some of the residents in Lakewood regarding the bridge. Ownership of the bridge is to be further researched.

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Mr. Avery suggested that the highway department use a tractor to spray ditches and roads instead of mowing. Mr. Cathcart stated that this is very expensive, and that he will prepare cost estimates for review.

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Mr. Cochran requested a brief meeting of the Insurance Committee immediately following the meeting.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury on this 4th day of June, 2003, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:30 p.m.

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