

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
MINUTES  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 16th day of July, 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. Jeff Rogers. 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. Lane Pittard, Assistant District Attorney; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Cheryl Martin, Secretary-Treasurer.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adopt the minutes of the June 4, 2003 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to adopt the minutes of the June 18, 2003 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to amend the agenda to add Mayor Lynne Mascagni, Town of Benton. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Scott Hughes, Alliance, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Richard Folmer, Bossier Council on Aging. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Nancy Darwin spoke on behalf of Joe Darwin regarding the use of firearms in or near a residential subdivision. Mr. Altimus reported that current parish regulations provide for the prohibition of firearms in the Cypress Park area only, and State regulations prohibit the use of a firearm on public roads within 100 feet from the center line of a public right-of-way.

Ms. Darwin advised that as a representative of Cottonwood Development, LLC, it is requested that the police jury establish regulations to prohibit the discharge of a firearm within one mile of any residential subdivision. Mr. Altimus recommended that the matter be referred to the Subdivision Regulations Committee for study. Mr. Meachum agreed, stating that he is in favor of prohibiting the use of a firearm within a residential subdivision, but that the requested one mile limit should be studied.

Mr. Rogers requested that the matter be referred to the Policy and Procedures Committee for study, and recommended that regulations be established to prohibit the use of a firearm within a residential subdivision. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to establish regulations to prohibit the use of a firearm within a residential subdivision.** There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Altimus recommended that the matter be reviewed before any official action is taken. Mr. Cochran agreed and requested that no action be taken at this time. **Motion and second were withdrawn and the matter was referred to the Policy and Procedures Committee for review.**

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Ms. Lola Harper Smith, Bossier Restoration Foundation, expressed appreciation to the police jury for their assistance in the restoration of the Hughes House and the old school house in Benton. She stated that the Bossier Restoration Foundation is currently in the process of restoring an 1884 log cabin which was discovered in the Rocky Mount area. Ms. Smith stated that every effort is being made to preserve the authenticity of the cabin.

Ms. Smith advised that the Bossier Restoration Foundation is applying to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for grant funds to be used to provide handicap accessibility at the Hughes House. Mr. Altimus stated that it is requested that the police jury provide a letter of support of this application. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to provide a letter supporting an application by the Bossier Restoration Foundation for grant funding through the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Smith requested a one-time cash donation of \$25,000 from the police jury to assist in paying various costs associated with the Hughes House and the restoration of the log cabin. She stated that the funding is also needed for insurance expenses and maintenance costs. Mr. Williams recommended that the matter be referred to the Parish Attorney for review.

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Mayor Lynne Mascagni, Town of Benton, discussed a request by the police jury to utilize a portion of Burt Boulevard for parking during the courthouse renovation/addition project. Mayor Mascagni stated that while the Benton Town Council has not officially voted on the request, she expressed her support. She expressed appreciation to the police jury for its assistance on various projects in the Town of Benton, and stated that the Town of Benton will assist in any way necessary.

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Mr. Scott Hughes, Alliance, Inc., reported that bids were received on July 15, 2003, for the Airline Drive 5-Lane Expansion Phase I-Utility Relocation, and that it is recommended that the low bid of Southern Soil Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$239,773.50 be accepted. He stated that all bid requirements are met and the bid bond is in order.

**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Avery, to accept the bid of Southern Soil Environmental, Inc., for the Airline Drive 5-Lane Expansion Phase 1-Utility Relocation. Motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Benson Construction Co., Inc.	\$283,271.00
Blount Brothers Construction, Inc.	\$402,350.00
Milco Utilities, Inc.	\$395,830.00
Southern Soil Environmental, Inc.	\$239,773.50
Wicker Construction, Inc.	\$247,260.00
Yor-Wic Construction Co., Inc.	\$308,540.00

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Mr. Richard Folmer and Ms. Patricia Gregory, Bossier Arts Council, expressed appreciation to the police jury for its support. He discussed the upcoming production of Louisiana's Legacy in Music and Folklore, advising that the program offers a study of Louisiana history through music. The program is to be held July 25, 26 and 27 at the East Bank Theatre, and will be presented at Haughton and Benton Middle Schools, and at Plain Dealing High School in August.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adopt an ordinance levying the 2003 property tax millage rates for the General Alimony Tax, Highway Tax, Library Tax, Health Unit Tax and Corrections Facilities Tax. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3887

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, in a public hearing held on July 16, 2003, and conducted in accordance with the open meetings law, that the following millage rates be and hereby are levied upon the dollar assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said parish for the year 2003 for the purpose of raising revenue:

General Alimony Tax	Millage
Mill Key #1026008	Outside Bossier City
Mill Key #1026009	Inside Bossier City
Highway Tax	
Mill Key #1026018	2.31 mills
Library Tax	
Mill Key #1026015	8.31 mills
Health Unit Tax	
Mill Key #1026013	.76 mill
Corrections Facilities Tax	
Mill Key #1026051	3.00 mills

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Rogers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2003.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to levy an acreage tax of eight cents per acre on all forest lands and cut-over potential forest lands situated in Bossier Parish, LA, for the year 2003. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3888

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AN ACREAGE TAX (MILL KEY #1026043) OF EIGHT CENTS PER ACRE ON ALL FOREST LANDS AND CUT-OVER POTENTIAL FOREST LANDS, SITUATED IN BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE ASSESSOR IN AND FOR BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO ASSESS AND EXTEND SAID TAX ON THE TAX ROLL, AND TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT TAX TO BE COLLECTED BY THE SHERIFF AND EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR IN AND FOR BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID FUNDS COLLECTED, ALL ACCORDING TO LAW.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Bossier Parish in regular and legal session on the 16th day of July, 2003, that for the year 2003, there shall be levied on acreage a tax of eight cents per acre on all forest lands and cut-over potential forest lands situated in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that this acreage tax shall be assessed and extended on the tax roll of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, by the Parish Assessor in the same manner as the assessment and extension on the tax rolls of the other taxes.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that said acreage tax shall be collected by the Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in the same manner as other parish taxes and when so collected shall be remitted to the Department of the Government having jurisdiction over the practice of forestry for deposit into the State Forestry Fund.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that said acreage tax shall be collected and deposited all in accordance with the law.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Cummings. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2003.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Darby, to levy a user fee of \$36.00 per year for the purpose of paying the costs of any and all emergency medical transportation and services in Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District for the year 2003. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3889

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A USER FEE OF \$36.00 PER YEAR (MILL KEY #1026053) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF ANY AND ALL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION AND ALL EMERGENCY SERVICES IN THE BOSSIER PARISH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICT, PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2003, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Service District, in regular and legal session on the 16th day of July, 2003, that in accordance with law, a user fee of \$36.00 per year for the year 2003, shall be assessed persons owning each residential or commercial structure either occupied or unoccupied, located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the said District, each residential or commercial structure being defined as each residential or commercial unit in a structure and each housing unit within a multiple structure, and a mobile home, as defined in R. S. 9:1149.s(3), for the purpose of paying the costs of any and all emergency medical transportation and all emergency services incidental thereto, as authorized and approved at a special election held in said District on October 16, 1993.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that the proper administrative officers of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to extend said user fee against assessment roll of said District for the year 2003, and to make the collection of the user fee imposed for and on behalf of said District, according to law, and that the user fee herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to said user fee as set forth by law, and the collection shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2003.

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Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for various fencing materials, as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Jamieson Fence	\$13,635.49
AAA Wholesale Fence	\$15,565.56
Hercules Fence	\$18,091.73

**Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to award the bid to the low bidder meeting all bid specifications. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Williams, to accept the low bid of Benton and Brown, Inc., for Overlay Project No. 03-01; the hot-mix asphaltic concrete overlay of approximately 3.60 miles of the Parks Road 1.5" thick, including related construction items, in accordance with bids received on July 2, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Total Bid Amount:
Benton and Brown, LLC.	\$182,460.00
Martin Marietta Materials of LA, Inc.	\$192,740.00

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to accept the low bid of Benton and Brown, Inc., for Overlay Project No. 03-02; the hot-mix asphaltic concrete overlay of approximately 2.00 miles of the Carterville Road 1.5" thick, and approximately 2.00 miles of the Dutch John Road, 1.5" thick, including related construction items, in accordance with bids received on July 2, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Total Bid Amount:
Benton and Brown, LLC.	\$184,300.00
Martin Marietta Materials of LA, Inc.	\$194,000.00

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Mr. Irvin Grant, Supervisor at the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center, presented statistics for the facility for the month of June. He advised that career week is being held at the facility, and that various officials and educators have visited the inmates.

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of Coyle Properties, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, for an office. The application received a favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish MPC. Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., advised that they plan to convert a house located on the site into an office.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the application of Coyle Properties, LLC, for a zoning amendment, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3890

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 8, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-A, RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, TO B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, meeting in regular and legal session on this 16th day of July, 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 8, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence Agricultural District, to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land located in Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more fully described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said Section 8, run thence East a distance of 146.60 feet; Run thence Southeasterly a distance of 634.90 feet to the point of beginning of tract herein described: Run thence Northwesterly a distance of 119.00 feet; Run thence West to the right of way line of the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad to a point 517.80 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8; Run thence South a distance of 100.00 feet to Buford T. Kelly's Northwest property line; Run thence East a distance of 289.60 feet to the point of beginning of tract, LESS AND EXCEPT that portion sold to the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, as recorded under Instrument Number 365627 of the records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Applicant: Coyle Properties, LLC

Purpose: Office

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2003.

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the application of Charlene Sonnier to the Benton-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in Sections 17 and 18, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-1, One-Family Residence District, for additional subdivision development. The application received a favorable recommendation by the Benton-Parish MPC, and there was no opposition.

Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that R-1 zoning is requested for the proposed development of an additional 13 lots in Magnolia Chase Subdivision. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the application of Charlene Sonnier for a zoning amendment, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3891

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 922 OF 1981, THE BENTON-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING REGULATIONS, TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTIONS 17 AND 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-A, RESIDENCE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO R-1, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session, convened on this 16th day of July, 2003, that Ordinance No. 922 of 1981 of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification from R-A, Residence Agriculture District, to R-1, One-Family Residence District, on the following described tract of land:

A tract of land containing 3.85 acres, more or less, situated in Sections 17 and 18, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 18 and proceed North 00° 53'53" East along the east line of said Section 18 a distance of 2,596.96 feet to the intersection of said section line and the north right of way line of R. C. Atkins Road and the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence proceed South 72°40' 53" West a distance of 1, 073.50 feet; thence proceed North 17° 19' 07" West a distance of 130.00 feet; thence proceed North 72° 40' 53" East a distance of 1,200.00 feet; thence proceed South 17° 19' 07" East a distance of 130.00 feet; thence proceed South 72° 40' 53" West a distance of 126.50 feet to the point of beginning of tract.

Applicant: Charlene Sonnier

Purpose: Residential Subdivision

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2003.

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider changing the name of a road located in Sections 17 and 18, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R. C. Atkins Road to Magnolia Chase Drive. Mr. Altimus reported that representatives of Bossier Parish E911 have advised that they have no problem with the proposed change. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to change the name of the R. C. Atkins Road to Magnolia Chase Drive. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3892

AN ORDINANCE TO OFFICIALLY CHANGE THE NAME OF A ROAD LOCATED OFF BENTON ROAD IN SECTIONS 17 AND 18, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R. C. ATKINS ROAD TO MAGNOLIA CHASE DRIVE.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury meeting in regular and legal session on the 16th day of July, 2003, that it does hereby change the name of a road located off Benton Road in Sections 17 and 18, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, from R. C. Atkins Road to Magnolia Chase Drive.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2003.

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Thibodeaux Subdivision, located in the NW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Ms. Thibodeaux stated that they wish to subdivide their property off Cattleman's Trail into two lots and sell one lot to

their daughter. Mr. Altimus stated that the Benton-Parish MPC recommended approval with the stipulation that a separate water well be drilled on the additional lot. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Thibodeaux Subdivision, with the stipulation that the owner drill a separate water well to accommodate the additional lot. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Willow Lake, Unit No. 2, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that the developer has requested that this matter be delayed, to be considered at the August 6, 2003 regular meeting. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to reschedule the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Willow Lake, Unit No. 2, to be held on August 6, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.**

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The adoption of revisions to Bossier Parish Subdivision Regulations was tabled for consideration at a later date.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the request of Sportspectrum and issue a letter stating that the police jury is aware of and has no regulations prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages at the River Cities Triathlon to be held at Cypress Lake on August 3, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Shell, to authorize payment of accounts payable invoices for the month of June, 2003.**

There was discussion in the Finance Committee meeting held at 1:30 p.m., regarding the use of cell phones by parish employees. Ms. Martin advised that it has been suggested that the police jury impose a \$5.00 monthly charge to those employees with cell phones to cover any personal calls made. After review of the cell phone usage plan in effect, and verification that the maximum number of minutes within the corporate plan is not exceeded, Mr. Hammack recommended that no action be taken on this matter. The jury concurred.

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Mr. Altimus advised of a letter of appreciation from the Bossier Council on Aging for additional funding provided by the police jury for 2003. He stated that the reduction in State funding to the Council on Aging has now been restored.

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Mr. Altimus reported that road overlay work is going well. He advised that Representative Billy Montgomery has asked that the police jury consider improvements to the Vickers Road, but stated that the relocation of Bellevue Water System lines is necessary if the road is widened. Mr. Altimus stated that to relocate the water lines will cost approximately \$10,000. He advised that there is an existing 60-foot public right-of-way at the Vickers Road entrance, but the road then narrows. Mr. Cathcart, Public Works Director, stated that Vickers Road is approximately .07 mile long, and the existing public right-of-way is available only on the first .02 mile of the road. He stated that the highway department could provide some improvements to the road. Mr. Rogers recommended that Representative Montgomery be contacted regarding the cost to relocate the water lines, stating that he is in favor of providing substantial improvements to the entire road.

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Mr. Altimus provided photos of the maximum security jail site, advising that an owner's meeting is scheduled at 1:30 p.m., July 17, 2003.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Shell, to declare adjudicated property at Lot 5B, Edwards Subdivision, as surplus, to be advertised for bids for sale. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Altimus advised that Lot 5B, Edwards Subdivision, consists of a strip of land 2' x 350', and that the minimum bid acceptable is \$298.67.

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Mr. Altimus requested that the President be authorized to execute a Letter of Agreement and Cash Sale Deed in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way along Airline Drive on property owned by the Provenza Family Trust. He stated that the Letter of Agreement provides that the Bossier Parish Police Jury will restore an existing wrought iron fence on the Provenza property to the equivalent or better condition than presently exists. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Avery, to authorize the President to execute documents as requested in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way on property owned by the Provenza Family Trust. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of July, 2003, that it does hereby authorize Mr. Jimmy Cochran, President, to execute a Cash Sale Deed in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way on property owned by the Provenza Family Trust, as needed in the Airline Drive Expansion Project, and does authorize the President to execute a Letter of Agreement which provides that the Bossier Parish Police Jury will restore an existing wrought iron fence on the Provenza property to the equivalent or better condition than presently exists.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2003.

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Mr. Butch Ford, Parish Engineer, reported that a meeting is scheduled at the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development on July 23, 2003, regarding the I-69 project.

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Mr. Ford stated that a meeting with Senator Robert Adley and representatives of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and the Red River Waterway Commission is scheduled on Thursday, July 24, 2003 in the police jury office, to discuss the Poole Road bridge.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to accept the streets and drainage in Rosedale Place Subdivision, Units 6 and 7, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.**

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 16th day of July, 2003, has received a request from Smith and Raley, Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance the streets and drainage in Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 6, and in Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 7, Bossier Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, The said streets and drainage have been completed in accordance with the specifications of the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, A two-year maintenance bond has been executed in favor of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to guarantee against failure of said streets and drainage as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 26, Section 107 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of F. J. Burnell, Inc., for maintenance, including labor and materials, for the above captioned streets and drainage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish maintenance system for continuous maintenance the streets and drainage located in Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit 6, and in Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 7, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, together with the maintenance bond.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2003.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to schedule a public hearing on August 20, 2003, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed resubdivision of Lots 3 and 4, Barnes Addition, located in the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to schedule a public hearing on August 20, 2003, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 3, located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to authorize the advertising for bids for renovation of the second floor of the Bossier Parish Health Unit. Motion carried unanimously. A date for receipt of bids will be determined upon completion of bid documents.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt an ordinance amending a resolution adopted on May 15, 2002, which provides notice of the intention of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to create Bossier Parish Fire Protection District No. 7, to correct the legal boundaries of said fire district. Motion carried unanimously.**

## ORDINANCE NO. 3893

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY ON JUNE 19, 2002, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF BOSSIER PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 7, TO CORRECT THE LEGAL BOUNDARIES OF SAID FIRE DISTRICT.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 16th day of July, 2003, that it does hereby amend a resolution adopted on June 19, 2002, providing for the creation of Bossier Parish Fire District No. 7, to correct the legal boundaries of said fire district to read as follows:

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 Sections 24, 23 and 22 lying East of Red River, thence meandering along the area lying East of Red River along fractional Sections 23, 22, 21, 28, 15, 14, 11, 2, Township 21 North, Range 14 West, continuing along fractional Sections 35, 34, 27, 28, 21, 16, 9, 4, 3, Township 22 North, Range 14 West, continuing along fractional Sections 34, 33, 32, 31,

30, 29, 28, 27, 22, 21, 20, 16, 9, 8, 5, 4, Township 23 North, Range 14 West, to a point at the northwest corner of Section 4, Township 23 North, Range 14 West, which point is on the Louisiana-Arkansas state line, excluding all territory or areas West of the Red River, and proceed thence East along said state line, along the North boundary of Sections 4, 3, 2, 1, Township 23 North, Range 14 West, and continuing East along the North boundary of Section 6, Township 23 North, Range 13 West, 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, being more particularly shown on attached map.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other parts of said resolution are hereby reenacted in full, and said resolution is attached hereto for recordation.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2003.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to authorize the highway department to repair potholes on roads in the Cypress-Black Bayou Park. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Cathcart, Public Works Director, reported that improvements to Jack Street in Haughton are complete, and cost for the project was less than anticipated.

Mr. Cathcart reported that the number of calls to the highway department regarding animal control has increased significantly. He stated that one employee is responsible for handling these calls, and recommended that hiring another person to assist in animal control be considered at budget time.

Mr. Cathcart advised that 322 areas have been treated for mosquitoes.

Mr. Cathcart reported that improvements to Potter Road and Allentown Road are complete. These road improvement projects were funded through the Louisiana Office of Rural Development.

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Mr. Mitchell advised that he has received complaints regarding a barking dog in Lakewood Subdivision. **Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to send a letter to the owner of the dog, along with a copy of the parish noise ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Mitchell presented a request from Trailblazer, Inc., that the police jury adopt a resolution urging wildfire prevention. **Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to adopt a resolution urging coordination among entities to ensure public awareness in the prevention of wildfires. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, wildfires pose a serious threat to homes and families in north Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, considering the heavy fuel load in North Louisiana, the potential consequences of a wildfire are catastrophic; and

WHEREAS, recent weather patterns and behavior in North Louisiana have produced the necessary elements for a devastating wildfire; and

WHEREAS, communities are not fully informed of the dangers of wildfires; and

WHEREAS, communities have little group coordination or plans of action to prevent and/or fight wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service, Volunteer Fire Departments, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, local commercial timberland owners, and Parish Police Juries should strive to achieve the highest coordination between the entities to ensure public awareness and prevention of wildfires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 16th day of July, 2003, that it does hereby encourage all local entities and stakeholders to participate in discussions of a coordinated wildfire response plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury fully supports the promotion of wildfire education and all efforts to inform homeowners and land users of the dangers of wildfires.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of July, 2003.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
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Mr. Williams discussed the condition of Palmetto Road located in the Town of Benton, advising that the Town of Benton is submitting an application to the Office of Rural Development for funding in the amount of \$25,000 for overlay of a portion of the road. He stated that patching work is badly needed now and the Town of Benton has agreed to provide the materials. Mr. Williams requested that the police jury provide the labor for the project. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize parish road crews to provide emergency patching work on a portion of Palmetto Road, with the Town of Benton providing the materials for the project. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Altimus stated that Representative Billy Montgomery has recommended that the police jury submit an application to the Office of Rural Development for grant funds in the amount of \$15,000 to also be used in the overlay of a portion of Palmetto Road. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize an application to the Office of Rural Development for grant funds in the amount of \$15,000 for overlay of a portion of Palmetto Road in the Town of Benton. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of July, 2003, that it does hereby approve and support an application to the Office of Rural Development for funds in the amount of \$15,000 for overlay of one mile of Palmetto Road, Benton, Bossier Parish, LA.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly

adopted on this 16th day of July, 2003.  
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Mr. Rogers requested a meeting of the Policy and Procedures Committee and the Subdivision Regulations Committee at 1:00 p.m., prior to the August 6, 2003 regular meeting.

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Mr. Rogers stated that Forest Grove Boulevard is in need of repairs. Mr. Cathcart, Director of Public Works, is to look at the road.

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Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, reported on the Tall Timbers Lateral Project, advising that there are problems with the road and that the grass planted on the slopes has died. He stated that he has met with various equipment technicians and electricians at the site, advising that the equipment must be monitored weekly.

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Mr. Altimus advised jurors that copies of public hearing documents regarding the Unified Development Code are available in the front office.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of July, 2003, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:30 p.m.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY