

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
MINUTES
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 17th day of September, 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. Wayne Hammack. The Secretary-Treasurer, Cheryl Martin, called the roll, with Mr. Mitchell absent and excused, as follows:

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

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.

Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Altimus to adopt the minutes of the August 6, 2003 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to adopt the minutes of the August 20, 2003 regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Martin announced that the police jury will now convene as a Board of Tax Review to hear protests on 2003 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor. Mr. Bobby Edmiston, Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, advised that no protests, either written or oral, have been received. There being no protests, the Board of Tax Review was adjourned by the President.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Warren Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Williams, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Jerry Jones and Mr. Lee Leonard, Cingular Wireless. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Laura Goodwin, Director of Volunteers for Youth Justice, advised that Volunteers for Youth Justice is a local, non-profit agency composed of volunteers who work to provide intervention and advocacy to children who are involved in the court system. She stated that Volunteers for Youth Justice wants to expand the diversion options for first-time or non-violent juvenile offenders in Bossier Parish, and requested that the jury consider an appropriation of \$35,384, to assist them in expanding the Jump Start Program. Ms. Goodwin advised that the Jump Start Program consists of three workshops, which include Stamp Out Shoplifting, Violence Prevention and the Power of Choice workshop. She stated that 96% of juveniles who participate in these programs stay out of the court system. There was brief discussion of housing for the program in Bossier Parish.

Mr. Cochran stated that the Juvenile Committee will review the request for funding for final presentation during 2004 budget hearings. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to consider a request from Volunteers for Youth Justice for funding in the amount of \$35,384, during 2004 budget hearings. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Warren Moore, Total Properties, requested approval of the final plat of Kingston Plantation, Unit No. 2. On April 16, 2003, the police jury granted approval of the preliminary lay-out of the proposed development. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that he has reviewed the plans, and stated that the MPC has signed the final plat. He stated that curb and gutter asphalt streets with sidewalks on both sides are proposed. Mr. Moore stated that in lieu of street lights, gas light/mail boxes are proposed. He stated that the homeowner will own this fixture and will be responsible for paying gas usage charges. Mr. Rogers stated that he is in favor of the proposed gas light/mail boxes. Mr. Ford recommended that street lights be required at major intersections in the subdivision, and stated that the Homeowners Association should be responsible for paying usage charges. Mr. Shell recommended that the subdivision covenants stipulate that the homeowner is responsible for maintenance of the proposed gas light/mailboxes. Mr. Ford stated that a copy of the covenants is needed on file in the police jury office.

Mr. Avery expressed concern regarding the location of the proposed gas light/mail boxes, and requested that this be clarified. He further requested that it be stipulated that these lights must be maintained and on at all times.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Kingston Plantation, Unit No. 2, subject to review and approval of the subdivision covenants, and subject to clarification of the maintenance requirements and location of the gas light/mail boxes. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Ford also requested a letter of approval from the Health Department.

Mr. Jerry Jones, Cingular Wireless, requested that the police jury schedule a public hearing to consider the request of Cingular Wireless to place a cellular tower near the southeast intersection of LA Highway 3 and Highway 160. He stated that a 350' tower is proposed, which will reduce the number of towers needed. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to schedule a public hearing on October 15, 2003, to consider the request of BellSouth Mobility, LLC dba Cingular Wireless, LLC, for approval to locate a 350' cellular tower near the southeast intersection of Highway 3 and Highway 160, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Vince DeFatta, Coyle Engineering, Co., Inc., advised that bids for the General Contract for renovation of the second floor of the Bossier Parish Health Unit have been reviewed, and recommended that the low bid of Bonomo

Builders, Inc., in the amount of \$184,950 be accepted. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to accept the low bid of Bonomo Builders, Inc., in the amount of \$184,950, for the General Contract for renovation of the second floor of the Bossier Parish Health Unit, in accordance with bids received on September 3, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder: Carter Construction Co., Inc.

Lump Sum Bid: \$248,748.00

Bidder: Andrews Construction Co., Inc.

Lump Sum Bid: \$193,000.00

Bidder: Sandifer Building & Design

Lump Sum Bid: \$212,000.00

Bidder: Melvin Butler, Inc.

Lump Sum Bid: \$235,000.00

Bidder: Leon Angel Constructors

Lump Sum Bid: \$214,800.00

Bidder: Bonomo Builders, Inc.

Lump Sum Bid: \$184,950.00

Bidder: Boggs Contracting Group, Inc.

Lump Sum Bid: \$214,900.00

Bidder: Sumrall Construction Co.

Lump Sum Bid: \$228,300.00

Bidder: Southern Commercial Construction, LLC

Lump Sum Bid: \$229,786.00

Mr. DeFatta stated that the Notice of Award will be issued to Bonomo Builders, Inc., and that all required bonding will be requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Shell, to table the matter of bids for the General Contract for construction of the renovations and additions to the Bossier Parish Courthouse, to allow further review of the bids by Alliance, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Irvin Grant, Supervisor at the Bossier Parish Juvenile Detention Center, presented statistics for the facility for the month of August, 2003. Mr. Altimus stated that the inmate population at the detention center has been low this summer.

Ms. Martin announced the continuance of a public hearing held on September 3, 2003, to consider approval of the application of Great Western Development Corporation to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of Lots 1 and 2, The Lakes Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from B-2, Commercial Business District, to R-1, One-Family Residence District, for single family residences. (Favorable Recommendation by MPC - located west side of Bellevue Road across from Winfield Road)

Mr. David Poston, Great Western Development, addressed the jury, advising that Lots 1 and 2 of The Lakes Subdivision are located at the corner of Winfield and Bellevue Roads, and they feel this location will serve as a major entrance to the subdivision. He stated that because this is a residential area, they feel the current commercial zoning would be inappropriate. Mr. Poston stated that a boulevard entrance directly across from the Winfield Road is proposed.

Mr. Rogers stated that this is a busy intersection, and recommended that the matter of four-way stop signs, etc., be reviewed. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the application of Great Western Development for a zoning amendment, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3902

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 783 OF 1978, THE BOSSIER CITY-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING REGULATIONS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF LOTS 1 AND 2, THE LAKES SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 1, LOCATED SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM B-2, COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO R-1, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, meeting in regular and legal session on this 17th day of September, 2003, that Ordinance No. 783 of 1978 of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of Lots 1 and 2, The Lakes Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from B-2, Commercial Business District, to R-1, One-Family Residence District.

Applicant: Great Western Development Corporation

Purpose: Single Family Residences

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Rogers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of September, 2003.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford advised that he has not received a copy of the final plat of Cypress Border, Unit No. 3. **Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to table the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cypress Border, Unit No. 3. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Williams, to remove this item from the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Altimus stated that the police jury is to receive sealed bids on October 1, 2003, for the sale of the following adjudicated properties, which were declared as surplus on September 3, 2003:

1) Lot 13, Block D, Curtis Park, Bossier City, LA

- 2) Lot 6, Block 4, E. McCormick Annex, Bossier City, LA
- 3) South 50 ft., Lot 1, 2, Block 9, E. McCormick Annex, Bossier City, LA
- 4) Lot 188, E. Shreveport, Bossier City, LA

He advised that the City of Bossier City has requested that the jury rescind the advertising for bids for the sale of these properties at this time. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to rescind the declaring of said adjudicated properties as surplus, and to rescind the advertising for bids for the sale of these properties at this time. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mr. Altimus stated that Brown Builders has requested that a determination be made on the fence at the maximum security jail. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that in accordance with the contract, Brown Builders is to provide written notice.

Mr. Altimus reported that a Hazard Mitigation workshop will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2003, at the Bossier Parish Library History Center, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Altimus reported that the Corps of Engineers has advised that a draw down of Ivan Lake is planned for the next five years due to a vegetation problem.

Mr. Altimus advised that letters have been sent to election candidates, advising them that the placement of campaign signs within public rights-of-way is prohibited.

Mr. Altimus reported that highway crews have begun work on the construction of a parking lot on Library property near the courthouse.

Mr. Altimus reported that mosquito control brochures are being given out, and that they are also being placed in books which are checked out at parish libraries.

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the application of Gary L. Orr for a 2003 beer license at Dogwood Grocery and Deli, 7770 Dogwood Trail, Haughton, LA. Motion carried unanimously. The application has been approved by the Sheriff's Department and the Health Department.

Mr. Gary Cathcart, Public Works Director, reported that mosquito control has increased, and stated that fewer complaints are being received.

Mr. Cathcart reported that parish crews are working on the parking lot at the site of the Tall Timbers park.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to amend the agenda to adjourn into executive session to discuss the following:

- 1) Steger vs. Bossier Parish Police Jury
- 2) Potential litigation regarding Hollywood Casino and local riverboats

Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Shell, Mr. Williams.

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Mitchell

The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Williams, to adjourn for a 10 minute recess to allow jurors to go to the jail to look at a test demonstration of wireless technology between the courthouse and Bossier City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. Mr. Williams advised that the Corps of Engineers will hold a meeting regarding Bayou Bodcau, on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, in Vicksburg, and urged that a representative of the police jury attend.

Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Avery, to authorize the advertising for bids for pharmaceuticals for the Bossier Parish jail and penal farm for a one-year period, bids to be received October 15, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shell reported on a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee, advising that it is recommended that the committee meet with representatives of Bossier City to discuss line item projects in which the police jury might participate, including acreage on Old Brownlee Road, ball parks, etc. The jury concurred.

Mr. Avery reported that a lot in the Bee Bend Subdivision needs to be mowed. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to proceed with the condemnation of a lot in Bee Bend Subdivision, in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Avery reported that a property owner in Plantation Estates has requested that a culvert be installed in a big ditch, advising that the property owner has offered to pay for the culvert. Mr. Ford is to inspect the site.

Mr. Avery further advised of a drainage problem in Plantation Estates, stating that a larger culvert may be needed. The parish engineer is to review this matter.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 17th day of September, 2003, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:10 p.m.

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