

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
October 6, 2004  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on this 6th day of October, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Rick Avery, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Eddy Shell and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Winfred Johnston. 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. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Wylie Ford. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Kevin McCotter, Campus Facilities, Inc., reported on the Bossier Parish Community College construction project, advising that Phase I of the project is 90% complete. He stated that classes are scheduled to begin at the new facility in the spring of 2005. Mr. McCotter stated that Phase II of the project, which includes the construction of a 350-seat auditorium and a health/physical education center, is scheduled for completion in late summer of 2005.

Mr. McCotter stated that Capital Outlay funds have been secured for future construction of athletic facilities, advising that soccer, baseball and softball fields are planned. He requested the police jury's assistance in clearing work needed for the proposed sports facilities. Mr. Meachum stated that clearing work is needed on the fence line along Interstate 20. Mr. McCotter stated that a determination must be made with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as to who is to maintain this area. He stated that the construction of an entrance/exit off Interstate 20 is being considered.

After discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to assist Campus Facilities, Inc., with clearing work at the site of proposed athletic facilities on the new campus of Bossier Parish Community College, with any possible assistance from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Motion carried unanimously.** The work is to be scheduled at a later date.

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Ms. Joan Carraway, Bossier Parish Clerk of Court, advised of problems with certain voting precinct polling places, advising that there are five locations with no heating or air conditioning. She advised of complaints from commissioners who worked at Bossier Elementary for the September 18 election due to extreme heat. Mr. Altimus stated that he understands that a portion of revenues from the newly approved school board tax was to be used to air condition all school gymnasiums.

Mr. Avery stated that there is no parking space at the Swan Lake Road fire station. Ms. Carraway stated that this facility is not air conditioned. She stated that she is having problems getting commissioners to work the elections. Mr. Hammack suggested that jurors look for possible locations in their district that could be used as a precinct polling place.

Ms. Carraway advised that the availability of telephones at certain polling places is also a problem, and hinders her ability to contact commissioners.

Ms. Carraway requested that she be allowed to discuss a personnel matter with the police jury. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, recommended that Ms. Carraway follow correct procedure and first discuss the matter with Mr. Altimus.

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Ms. Laura Goodwin, Volunteers for Youth Justice, requested the jury's consideration in continuing its budget appropriation of \$35,000 to the program for the year 2005. She reported on various activities of the program, advising that with the police jury's support, they are able to offer a full range of diversion programs to juveniles who might otherwise be incarcerated. Mr. Altimus informed Ms. Goodwin that her request for funding for 2005 will be considered during budget review.

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Mr. Danny Driggers, 2419 Vanceville Road, advised that the proposed entrance boulevard to Autumn Creek Subdivision is located across from his driveway. He stated that at night, the lights from all vehicles exiting Autumn Creek will illuminate the front of his house. Mr. Ford stated that with the amount of residential growth in the parish, this will become more common. He recommended that the Subdivision Regulations Committee meet to study this matter.

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Mr. Wylie Ford advised that he is working to secure landowners' signatures on the petition for acceptance of the Ford Wilson Cemetery Road into the parish road system. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that upon receipt of the petition, the parish will proceed in acquiring the necessary 60-foot right-of-way.

Mr. Wylie Ford requested that the jury consider overlaying the remaining 1.6 mile of the Ford Road. He also requested that proper road signage be provided on the portion that has been overlaid. Mr. Johnston explained that road overlay is limited to a certain number of road miles per year. Mr. Avery recommended that the remaining 1.6 mile of Ford Road be improved to an all weather road, and requested that proper signage be placed on the overlaid portion. The jury concurred.

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Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for a six-month supply of hot mix for the Bossier Parish Highway Department, as follows:

Bidder: Bid Amount:

Benton and Brown, LLC \$33.00 per ton

**Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to accept the bid of Benton and Brown, LLC, only bid received, in the amount of \$33.00 per ton for a six-month supply of hot mix for the Bossier Parish Highway Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for the purchase and installation of a 24' X 34' prefabricated metal pavilion at the park at Tall Timbers Subdivision, as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Ronald G. Carlson	\$22,975.00 (Delivery Time – Five Weeks)
Thomson General Contractors, Inc.	\$21,894.00 (Delivery Time – Three Weeks)

**Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to accept the low bid of Thomson General Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$21,894.00, for purchase and installation of a 24' X 34' prefabricated metal building, provided all bid specifications are met. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the application of Benton Road Properties, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 22.42 acre tract of land located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, for a single family residential subdivision (north side of Teche, south of Lafitte Lane). Mr. Altimus advised that a written request has been received from Benton Road Properties, LLC, asking that this matter be withdrawn.

Mr. Avery stated that a deadline for submitting a request for withdrawal of a public hearing should be established, advising that interested parties often miss work to attend the hearing. Mr. Cummings stated that publication expenses incurred by the police jury should also be considered. Mr. Rogers stated that in accordance with current regulations, if an application for zoning is denied by the police jury, the applicant must wait six months before reapplying.

**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to deny the application of Benton Road Properties, LLC, for a zoning amendment, due to a request for withdrawal of the application by the applicant. Motion carried unanimously.** It was noted that no one was present regarding this matter.

The Parish Attorney was directed to prepare an ordinance to establish a deadline for submitting a request for withdrawal of a public hearing.

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of The Colony, Unit No. 2, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Ford advised that he has not received a certificate of insurance on the security gate at The Colony entrance. **Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to approve the plat of the proposed development of The Colony, Unit No. 2, subject to receipt of a certificate of insurance coverage on the security gate at The Colony entrance. Motion carried unanimously.**

There was brief discussion of the expansion of existing subdivisions. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that he understood that subdivision developments approved prior to adoption of the Unified Development Code would be allowed to continue expansion of the development in accordance with regulations in effect at the time of approval. Mr. Ford stated that he has some concerns regarding regulations pertaining to Planned Unit Developments, advising that 50-foot road rights-of-way are allowed, as well as 20-foot building setbacks. Mr. Marsiglia stated that the MPC is currently researching regulations pertaining to Planned Unit Developments for possible amendment.

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The President requested that Agenda Item No. 9 be addressed at this time. Mr. Charles Gholson was present for discussion of a drainage easement on his property in River Ridge Subdivision, and requested that he be allowed to speak with Mr. Jackson and Mr. Ford. Mr. Jackson, Mr. Ford and Mr. Gholson met in the police jury conference room.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on November 3, 2004, to consider approval of the application of Bruce Logan to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 8.80 acre tract of land and a 13.81 acre tract of land located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, for a single family subdivision addition. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on November 3, 2004, to consider approval of the application of Tri-State Sand & Gravel, LLC, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located in Sections 13 and 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-LD, Residential-Low Density District, for a single family subdivision addition. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to schedule a public hearing on November 3, 2004, to consider approval of the application of the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a 1.14 acre tract of undeveloped land located in Section 22, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from B-3, General Business District, to R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to revert to the original zoning. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to approve the application of David F. Smith, Jr., for a 2004 liquor license at Wannabeez, 1709 Sligo Road, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.** The application has been approved by Sheriff's Department and Health Department.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Shell, to adopt a resolution approving an application to the Louisiana Office of Rural Development for grant funds in the amount of \$15,000 for purchase of a back-up generator system for St. Mary's Water System. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 6th day of October, 2004, that it does hereby approve and support an application to the Louisiana Office of Rural Development for funding in the amount of \$15,000 for purchase of a back-up generator system for St. Mary's Water System, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Shell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6th day of October, 2004.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Elmore Morris to the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control, for a five-year term which expires October, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt an ordinance to officially accept Holli Road into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3979

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 94, SECTION 94-7, OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, ACCEPTING THE REMAINING 1,900 FEET ON THE WEST END OF HOLLI ROAD INTO THE PARISH ROAD MAINTENANCE SYSTEM FOR PERMANENT MAINTENANCE.

WHEREAS, the District 3 Representative has requested the inclusion pursuant to said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury deemed it necessary to incorporate the remaining 1,900 feet on the west end of Holli Road as it is in desperate need of maintenance to provide safe access for school buses, mail carriers, and the citizens of Bossier Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in due legal and regular session convened, that in accordance with Chapter 94, Section 94-7, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, the following road be and is hereby accepted into the Bossier Parish Road Maintenance System for permanent maintenance:

HOLLI ROAD - 0.35 mile, being the remaining 1900 feet on the west end

Located off the Linton-Cutoff Road, Bossier Parish, LA

Having met the requirements of Chapter 94, Section 94-7, the remaining 1,900 feet on the west end of Holli Road is incorporated into the Parish Maintenance System.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon the following vote, it was duly adopted on this 6th day of October, 2004.

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

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

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**Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shell, to table the adoption of an ordinance to accept Dennig Drive into the parish road maintenance system, pending completion of right-of-way acquisition. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Altimus provided jurors with a copy of a letter from Mr. Gordon Rountree regarding the TSC, Inc. and Larry L. Taylor vs. Bossier Parish Police Jury.

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Jurors were provided a listing of police jury revenues and expenditures by fund.

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Mr. Altimus reported on the number of residential building permits for the month of September.

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Mr. Altimus advised that oral arguments in the Billy Brooks Hudson litigation matter will be held on October 26 in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Mr. Altimus advised that a meeting of the police jury Policy and Procedures Committee is scheduled on October 20, 2004, at 12:30 p.m.

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Mr. Altimus advised that Friends of the Bossier Parish Library, a committee formed to solicit contributions for promotion of the 8.31 mills property tax proposition on the November 2, 2004 ballot for the Bossier Parish Library, is seeking a personal contribution from jury members.

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Mr. Altimus advised that the generator at the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter is not working properly, advising that the unit failed during the last power outage. He stated that he has received a quote for a new generator in the amount of \$12,726, plus \$800 quick ship charges. Mr. Rogers requested that Mr. Altimus obtain additional quotes. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Shell, to approve an expenditure of up to \$13,500 for**

**purchase of new generator at the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Altimus suggested allowing the maintenance department to see if the old unit is repairable for possible use as an emergency unit in the future.

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Mr. Altimus stated that residents of The Orchard are working to secure insurance coverage on the gates at the entrance to the subdivision, advising that they have located an insurance company that will provide this coverage.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adopt an ordinance to officially post certain bridge structures in Bossier Parish. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3980**

AN ORDINANCE TO OFFICIALLY POST CERTAIN BRIDGE STRUCTURES LOCATED ALONG THE PARISH TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury is responsible for health, safety and welfare of the public utilizing the parish transportation system in Bossier Parish, and the bridge structures located on these transportation routes; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury, in order to provide advance information regarding the bridge structures located on its parish transportation routes, has structurally rated and posted certain bridges, as required by federal, state and local laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that the bridge structures listed below by structure number and location are hereby officially posted by signing to provide sufficient advance notice to the motoring public as to the load carrying capabilities of each structure:

<u>Structure</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Load Posting (T)</u>
PO832217933391	Old Coushatta Road, Trib Flat River	3
PO832225933301	Smith Road, Red Chute Bayou	25-40
PO832242933601	Caplis Sligo Road, Flat River	25-40
PO832245932731	Fairview Koran, Spring Branch	25-40
PO832263932671	Koran Doyline Road, Clark Bayou	10-15
PO832269932881	Johnson Store Road, Foxskin Bayou	15-25
PO832331933351	Chandler Road, Trib Fifi Bayou	10-15
PO832333933321	Daleen Road, Trib Fifi Bayou	3-5
PO832351933431	Winfield Road, Connell Branch	25-40
PO832339934091	Swan Lake Road, Willow Chute Bayou	25-40
PO832365934031	Swan Lake Road, Flat River	20-35
PO832365934341	Vanceville Road, Willow Chute Bayou	15-25
PO832359934291	Airline Drive, Willow Chute Bayou	20-35
PO832382934181	Viking Drive, Trib. Macks Bayou	15-25
PO832457933911	Seven Pines Road, Caney Creek	10-15
PO832457933821	Crouch Road, White Oak Branch	15-25
PO832459932961	Whittington Road, Bodcau Trib	15-25
PO832465933301	Sheppard Road, Trib Bodcau Bayou	10-15
PO832523934411	Old Plain Dealing Hwy, Collinsburg Creek	25-40
PO832526934161	Antrim Road, Lil Cypress Creek	25-40
PO832593933821	Chalybeate Springs Rd, Trib to Mrtnc	25-40
PO832587933911	Leila Road, Boggs Creek	20-35
PO832244932731	C. C. Sandidge, Spring Branch	20-35
PO832595934471	Log Ferry Road, Stillhouse Bayou	15
PO832594934491	Stillhouse Road, Trib Stillhouse Bayou	15-25
PO832594934591	Stillhouse Road, Stillhouse Bayou	10-15
PO833010934591	McCance Road, Posten Bayou	15-25
PO832544934211	Palmetto Street, Trib Lil Cypress Bayou	25-40
PO832159932581	Poole Road, Red Chute Bayou	3
PO832541934191	S. Perrin Street, Lil Cypress Bayou	25-40
PO832194933091	Kelly Road, Flat River Ditch	25-40

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

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6th day of October, 2004.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adopt the Annual Certification of Compliance with the State of Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program. Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION**

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the code of Federal Regulation, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Bossier Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Bossier Parish.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing authority of Bossier Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as DOTD) that for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the Louisiana DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana state law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.
3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

This resolution was considered section by section and as a whole. Upon motion by Mr. Johnston, second by Mr. Mitchell and vote, it was duly adopted on this 6th day of October, 2004.

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Mr. Cathcart, Public Works Director, reported that Representative Billy Montgomery has advised that Capital Outlay funding may be available for parish road repair and stated that he has prepared a list of recommended roads. Jurors were provided a road listing for review.

Mr. Cathcart reported that parish crews are continuing work at the site of the North Bossier Park, advising that the clearing work is complete. He advised that the 2004 road overlay program is complete.

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Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, presented pictures of various construction and road improvement projects in the parish. He advised of a meeting with officials from Walton Construction regarding problems with the courthouse construction project. He stated that Walton officials were unaware of delays in the project and stated that a new schedule is being reviewed.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve a plan change on the detention center expansion project which results in an additional amount of \$12,172, and to authorize the President to execute said document. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 6th day of October, 2004, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, a plan change on the juvenile detention center expansion project in an additional amount of \$12,172.00.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6th day of October, 2004.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
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**Motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the contract with Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., for Phase II of the Health Unit Renovation Project, subject to review by the Parish Attorney, and to authorize the President to execute said contract. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 6th day of October, 2004, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, the contract with Coyle Engineering Company, Inc., for Phase II of the Health Unit Renovation Project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shell, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.

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Mr. Ford reported on the status of the Poole Road reconstruction project, advising that work is scheduled to begin on Monday.

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Mr. Ford stated that he and Mr. Cathcart are currently working on plans for construction of a metal building at the highway department.

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Mr. Ford reported on a meeting with Mr. Charles Gholson regarding a drainage ditch on his property at Lot 149, River Ridge Subdivision. He stated that parish work crews will install a 15" joint and fill in the ditch, to provide Mr. Gholson access to his adjoining property.

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Mr. Ford discussed drainage problems in Rosedale Subdivision. He stated that ditches within the development are maintained by the parish, but stated that a portion of one large ditch extends outside the subdivision onto private property. Mr. Ford stated that this portion of the ditch needs to be mowed and cleaned out. He further stated that a

drainage study of the Rosedale development is needed. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that expropriation of the needed ditch can be pursued, but recommended that the landowner be asked for permission for parish crews to access the ditch.

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Mr. Avery discussed contractor licensing requirements, advising that he has been advised of construction problems at several new homes in the parish. He suggested that contractors be required to provide their license number at the time a building permit for the construction is obtained. There was further discussion of implementation of an inspection procedure in Bossier Parish.

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Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, reported on litigation regarding the Lake Bistineau drawdown, advising that an appeal has been filed in an effort to prevent further drawdown.

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Mr. Jackson reported on the status of various litigation matters.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to amend the agenda to adjourn into executive session to discuss the matter of Bossier Parish Police Jury vs. City of Shreveport/Hollywood Casino. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

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

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: None**

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The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. Mr. Cochran recommended that the construction of a pier at Ivan Lake be considered while the water level is down. He stated that the Corps of Engineers may be willing to provide assistance. Mr. Altimus stated that the police jury's lease of the Ivan Lake property will expire in April, 2005. He stated that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that with the lake down, now is a good time to do any needed work on the property. Mr. Altimus stated that the Corps of Engineers owns the property. The matter is to be further discussed at the October 20, 2004 regular meeting.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that Mr. Johnston will contribute \$850.00 from his discretionary funds to Carrie Martin Elementary School in Plain Dealing. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Williams, that Mr. Johnston will contribute \$1,099.89 to the Benton Lady Tigers softball program. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Williams, to assist the Town of Plain Dealing in relocating a boat ramp at Plain Dealing Lake. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Johnston advised of a request for acceptance of Douglas Road into the parish road system and requested that Mr. Ford research this matter and present a report at the October 20 regular meeting.

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There was discussion of making a determination on which roads will be included in projects to be submitted for Capital Outlay funds, to be further considered at the October 20 regular meeting.

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Mr. Meachum advised of a mobile home on James Lane off Highway 157 which is in violation of property standards regulations, and requested pictures of the property.

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Mr. Avery requested three loads of SP2 gravel on the parking lot at the boy's baseball field at Airline High School. Mr. Cathcart stated that the cost is approximately \$300 per load. Mr. Altimus and Mr. Mitchell indicated that they are willing to contribute funds from their discretionary funds for this project.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 6th day of October, 2004, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 5:00 p.m.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY