

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 16th day of April, 2008, 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. Wayne Hammack and the pledge of allegiance was led by Ms. Wanda Bennett. The Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. Cheryl Martin, called the roll, with the following members present:

Mr. William Altimus	Mr. Brad Cummings, absent
Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Jerome Darby
Ms. Wanda Bennett	Mr. Wayne Hammack
Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Winfred Johnston
Mr. Barry Butler	Mr. Hank Meachum
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Eddy Shell, excused

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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; Ms. Cheryl Martin, Secretary-Treasurer.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt the minutes of the March 5, 2008 regular meeting and the March 19, 2008 regular meeting, as published, and to adopt the minutes of the March 13, 2008, special meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.**

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The President announced that Agenda Item No. 3, the continuance of a public hearing held on April 2, 2008, to consider the request of Park Lake Estates Subdivision to replace an existing cross-drain on Parks Road located between Preston Bay and Glen Cove Drive with a new bridge, has been withdrawn by the developer and will not be discussed.

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Mr. Delbert Terry, Bossier Parish Library Director, and Ms. Taketha Farmer, presented a report on a new plan for using technology as a tool to reach out to the public. Ms. Farmer stated that a new internet website has been created and offers many features for young people. She stated that visitors to the website are provided access to downloadable movies and books which are suitable for children. Mr. Butler commended the library for providing quality material for young people.

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Mr. Butch Ford, Parish Engineer, and Mr. Ben Rauschenbach, Balar Associates, discussed the Demoss Hill Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project, which is to be funded through the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program. Mr. Ford stated that bids received for this project are in excess of the budgeted amount of \$435,000, and the Office of Community Development has advised that there are no additional grant funds available.

Bids for the project were opened and read aloud on April 2, 2008, and Mr. Rauschenbach stated that the low bid of JPD Construction in the total amount of \$522,969.70, which includes Additive Alternate No. 1, is \$87,969.70 over budget. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Butler, to authorize an expenditure of up to \$72,000 from the Health Unit Fund, to provide the additional funds required to complete the Demoss Hill Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project, not including Additive Alternate No. 1. Motion carried unanimously.**

The bid for this project will be awarded at the May 7, 2008 regular meeting.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Benton, to accept the bid of Benton & Brown, LLC, in the amount of \$54 per ton for a six-month supply of asphaltic concrete paving material for the Bossier Parish Highway Department, in accordance with bids received on April 2, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.** This is the only bid received.

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Ms. Martin announced the continuance of a public hearing held on April 2, 2008, to consider the request of Park Lake Estates Subdivision to replace an existing cross-drain on Parks Road located between Preston Bay and Glen Cove Drive with a new bridge. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that a letter has been received from Raley and Associates, Inc., advising that the investors in the Park Lake Estates Subdivision are withdrawing their request to construct a new bridge on Parks Road.

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider relocation of the voting precinct polling place for Bossier Parish Voting Precinct 04-02, from the Benton Fire District #4 Parks Road Fire Station, 870 Parks Road, Benton, LA, to the Red River Baptist Church, 3301 East Linton Road,

Benton, LA. Ms. Martin stated that relocation is needed due to inadequate parking at the Parks Road Fire Station. There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the relocation of the precinct polling place for Bossier Parish Voting Precinct 04-02, from the Benton Fire District #4 Parks Road Fire Station, 870 Parks Road, Benton, LA, to the Red River Baptist Church, 3301 East Linton Road, Benton, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury has determined that the voting precinct polling place at the Benton Fire District No. 4 Parks Road Fire Station for Precinct 04-02, Bossier Parish, LA, is not suitable for use as a polling place due to inadequate parking; and

WHEREAS, this change was discussed in an open and public meeting on April 16, 2008, and no objections to the change were received; and

WHEREAS, there are 1,315 registered voters in Precinct 04-02, with 1,173 being white, 99 black and 43 other; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would change the physical location of these polling places only, a distance of four miles, and would have no effect on voter registration or racial balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of April, 2008, that it does hereby approve the relocation of the voting precinct polling place for Precinct 04-02 from the Benton Fire District No. 4 Fire Station, 870 Parks Road, Bossier Parish, LA, to the Red River Baptist Church, 3301 East Linton Road, Bossier Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that notice of this change will be made by publication of official police jury proceedings in the parish journal, by special notice in local newspapers if necessary, and by posted notice at the former and new polling places at the next election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that this change be submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice for its review and approval; then be submitted to the State of Louisiana Department of Elections to be effective as soon as possible.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of April, 2008.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider the alphabetical split of certain Bossier Parish voting precincts, and to consider the relocation of certain voting precinct polling places.

Proposed changes are as follows.

Proposed alphabetical splits

Precinct 02-04 (Airline Baptist Church) shall be divided and renamed Precinct 02-04-1(A-L) and Precinct 02-04-2(M-Z)

Precinct 02-18C (Benton Middle School) shall be divided and renamed Precinct 02-18C-1(A-L) and Precinct 02-18C-2(M-Z)

Precinct 02-21C (Stockwell Elementary) shall be divided and renamed Precinct 02-21C-1(A-L) and Precinct 02-21C-2(M-Z)

Precinct 02-21D (Stockwell Elementary) shall be divided and renamed Precinct 02-21D-1(A-L) and Precinct 02-21D-2(M-Z)

Precinct 02-22A (Cypress Baptist Church) shall be divided and renamed Precinct 02-22A-1(A-L) and Precinct 02-22A-2(M-Z)

Precinct 04-04B (Platt Elementary) shall be divided and renamed Precinct 04-04B-1(A-L) and Precinct 04-04B-2(M-Z)

Precinct 04-06 (Haughton Town Hall) shall be divided and renamed Precinct 04-06-1(A-L) and Precinct 04-06-2(M-Z)

Precinct 04-07 (South Bossier FD#2 Fire Station) shall be divided and renamed Precinct 04-07-1(A-L) and Precinct 04-07-2(M-Z)

Precinct 04-10 (Curtis Elementary School) shall be divided and renamed Precinct 04-10-1(A-L) and Precinct 04-10-2(M-Z)

Proposed polling place relocations

Precinct	Current Location	Proposed Location
04-08B1 and 04-08B2	Curtis Elementary School	Heritage Baptist Church
02-18C	Benton Middle School	Benton High School
04-01A	Ivan Fire District Fire Sta.	Pilgrim Home Baptist Church
04-11A and 04-11C	East 80 Library	Central Assembly of God Church
04-11B	Fire Dist #1 Fire Station	East 80 Library

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the proposed alphabetical split of certain Bossier Parish voting precincts, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4213

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3867 OF MARCH 19, 2003, ORDINANCE NO. 3856 OF DECEMBER 4, 2002, ORDINANCE NO. 3812 OF MARCH 6, 2002, ORDINANCE NO. 3750 OF MARCH 7, 2001; ORDINANCE NO. 3702 OF JUNE 21, 2000; ORDINANCE NO. 3667 OF OCTOBER 13, 1999; AND ORDINANCE NO. 3558 OF JUNE 10, 1998, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALPHABETICAL SPLIT OF CERTAIN VOTING PRECINCTS FOR THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008, that it does hereby approve the alphabetical split of certain voting precincts in Bossier Parish, as follows:

**Alpha Splits.**

The following precincts shall constitute single geographic precincts, but shall be divided by the alphabetical listing of surnames of registered voters within each said precinct, and shall be re-named:

Precinct 02-04 shall be divided and renamed Precinct 02-04-1(A-L) and Precinct 02-04-2(M-Z)

Precinct 02-18C shall be divided and renamed Precinct 02-18C-1(A-L) and Precinct 02-18C-2(M-Z)

Precinct 02-21C shall be divided and renamed Precinct 02-21C-1(A-L) and Precinct 02-21C-2(M-Z)

Precinct 02-21D shall be divided and renamed Precinct 02-21D-1(A-L) and Precinct 02-21D-2(M-Z)

Precinct 02-22A shall be divided and renamed Precinct 02-22A-1(A-L) and Precinct 02-22A-2(M-Z)

Precinct 04-04B shall be divided and renamed Precinct 04-04B-1(A-L) and Precinct 04-04B-2(M-Z)

Precinct 04-06 shall be divided and renamed Precinct 04-06-1(A-L) and Precinct 04-06-2(M-Z)

Precinct 04-07 shall be divided and renamed Precinct 04-07-1(A-L) and Precinct 04-07-2(M-Z)

Precinct 04-10 shall be divided and renamed Precinct 04-10-1(A-L) and Precinct 04-10-2(M-Z)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that this ordinance shall be effective upon approval by the proper authorities of the State of Louisiana and the U. S. Department of Justice.

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston. It was duly adopted on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Butler, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Cummings, Mr. Shell

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SECRETARY-TREASURER  
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JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE

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Ms. Martin advised that due to inadequate parking at certain precinct polling places, relocation to a more suitable facility is needed. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery, to adopt resolutions approving the proposed voting precinct polling place relocations. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury has determined that the voting precinct polling place at the Curtis Elementary School for Precincts 04-08B-1 and 04-08B-2, Bossier Parish, LA, is not suitable for use as a polling place due to inadequate parking; and

WHEREAS, this change was discussed in an open and public meeting on April 16, 2008, and no objections to the change were received; and

WHEREAS, there are 1,292 registered voters in Precinct 04-08B-1, with 1,136 being white, 104 black and 52 other; and

WHEREAS, there are 1,151 registered voters in Precinct 04-08B-2, with 1,001 being white, 69 black and 81 other; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would change the physical location of these polling places only, a distance of 0.50 mile, and would have no effect on voter registration or racial balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of April, 2008, that it does hereby approve the relocation of the voting precinct polling place for Precincts 04-08B-1 and 04-08B-2 from the Curtis Elementary School, 5600 Barksdale Boulevard, Bossier City, Louisiana, to the Heritage Baptist Church, 5580 Barksdale Boulevard, Bossier City, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that notice of this change will be made by publication of official police jury proceedings in the parish journal, by special notice in local newspapers if necessary, and by posted notice at the former and new polling places at the next election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that this change be submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice for its review and approval; then be submitted to the State of Louisiana Department of Elections to be effective as soon as possible.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of April, 2008.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury has determined that the voting precinct polling place at the Benton Middle School for Precinct 02-18C, Bossier Parish, LA, is not suitable for use as a polling place due to inadequate parking; and

WHEREAS, this change was discussed in an open and public meeting on April 16, 2008, and no objections to the change were received; and

WHEREAS, there are 2,220 registered voters in Precinct 02-18C, with 1,977 being white, 161 black and 82 other; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would change the physical location of these polling places only, a distance of 0.04 mile, and would have no effect on voter registration or racial balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of April, 2008, that it does hereby approve the relocation of the voting precinct polling place for Precinct 02-18C from the Benton Middle School, 6140 Highway 3, Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, to the Benton High School, 6136 Highway 3, Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that notice of this change will be made by publication of official police jury proceedings in the parish journal, by special notice in local newspapers if necessary, and by posted notice at the former and new polling places at the next election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that this change be submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice for its review and approval; then be submitted to the State of Louisiana Department of Elections to be effective as soon as possible.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of April, 2008.

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JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury has determined that the voting precinct polling place at the Ivan Fire District No. 3 Fire Station for Precinct 04-01A, Bossier Parish, LA, is not suitable for use as a polling place due to inadequate parking; and

WHEREAS, this change was discussed in an open and public meeting on April 16, 2008, and no objections to the change were received; and

WHEREAS, there are 923 registered voters in Precinct 04-01A, with 686 being white, 213 black and 24 other; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would change the physical location of these polling places only, a distance of 0.99 mile, and would have no effect on voter registration or racial balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of April, 2008, that it does hereby approve the relocation of the voting precinct polling place for Precinct 04-01A from the Ivan Fire District No. 3 Fire Station, 16038 Highway 157, Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, to the Pilgrim Home Baptist Church, 16258 Highway 157, Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that notice of this change will be made by publication of official police jury proceedings in the parish journal, by special notice in local newspapers if necessary, and by posted notice at the former and new polling places at the next election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that this change be submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice for its review and approval; then be submitted to the State of Louisiana Department of Elections to be effective as soon as possible.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of April, 2008.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury has determined that the voting precinct polling place at the East 80 Branch Library for Precincts 04-11A and 04-11C, Bossier Parish, LA, is not suitable for use as a polling place due to inadequate parking for the number of voters assigned to this location; and

WHEREAS, this change was discussed in an open and public meeting on April 16, 2008, and no objections to the change were received; and

WHEREAS, there are 890 registered voters in Precinct 04-11A, with 818 being white, 33 black and 39 other; and

WHEREAS, there are 877 registered voters in Precinct 04-11C, with 769 being white, 69 black and 39 other; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would change the physical location of these polling places only, a distance of 0.48 mile, and would have no effect on voter registration or racial balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of April, 2008, that it does hereby approve the relocation of the voting precinct polling place for Precincts 04-11A and 04-11C from the East 80 Branch Library, 1050 Bellevue Road, Haughton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, to the Central Assembly of God Church of Haughton, 700 Highway 80, Haughton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that notice of this change will be made by publication of official police jury proceedings in the parish journal, by special notice in local newspapers if necessary, and by posted notice at the former and new polling places at the next election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that this change be submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice for its review and approval; then be submitted to the State of Louisiana Department of Elections to be effective as soon as possible.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of April, 2008.

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JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury has determined that the voting precinct polling place at the East 80 Fire District No. 1 Fire Station for Precinct 04-11B, Bossier Parish, LA, is not suitable for use as a polling place due to inadequate parking; and

WHEREAS, this change was discussed in an open and public meeting on April 16, 2008, and no objections to the change were received; and

WHEREAS, there are 1,197 registered voters in Precinct 04-11B, with 1,062 being white, 80 black and 55 other; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would change the physical location of these polling places only, a distance of 1.00 mile, and would have no effect on voter registration or racial balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of April, 2008, that it does hereby approve the relocation of the voting precinct polling place for Precinct 04-11B from the East 80 Fire District No. 1 Fire Station, 115 West Fire Station Road, Haughton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, to the East 80 Branch Library, 1050 Bellevue Road, Haughton Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that notice of this change will be made by publication of official police jury proceedings in the parish journal, by special notice in local newspapers if necessary, and by posted notice at the former and new polling places at the next election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that this change be submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice for its review and approval; then be submitted to the State of Louisiana Department of Elections to be effective as soon as possible.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of April, 2008.

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JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Olde Oaks Unit The Bluffs at Olde Oaks, located in Sections 23 and 26, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Brad Graff, Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc., and Mr. James Harris were present. Mr. Graff stated that this is a continuation of the existing Olde Oaks Subdivision. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that the development will have streetlights and sidewalks, and a community sewer and water system. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Olde Oaks Unit The Bluffs at Olde Oaks, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed Road Dedication of Eagle Ridge Drive, located in Section 23, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Ford stated that the proposed road extension is approximately 350' in length and will connect The Bluffs at Olde Oaks with the existing subdivision development. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed Road Dedication of Eagle Ridge Drive, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed Survey of Buddy and Barbara Smith, located on the east side of Benton Road in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Joey French, French Engineering, was present. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that the Department of Transportation has required the construction of a northbound turning lane off Highway 3 to access the site.

Mr. French stated that a private sewer plant is planned that will discharge to the ditch on Highway 3, and stated that the health department has reviewed the plans. Mr. Avery expressed concern regarding the eastward flow of water from the development to Plantation Estates Subdivision. Mr. French stated that drainage from the development should go in a westerly direction and have no effect on Plantation Estates. Mr. Ford stated that he will review this matter with the

Department of Transportation and Development to determine which way the water will flow. Mr. Avery stated that this development should have no adverse impact on Plantation Estates Subdivision.

After discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Butler, to table this matter to allow Mr. Ford to meet with representatives of the Department of Transportation and Development regarding the drainage. Motion carried unanimously.** The matter will be considered at the May 7, 2008 regular meeting.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Butler, to table the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed Road Dedication of Destrehan Boulevard, located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, to be considered at the May 7, 2008 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to schedule a public hearing on May 7, 2008, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of The Colony, Unit No. 4, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Jurors reviewed current pictures of property at 210 James Street, Benton, LA, in regard to property standards violations at this location. Ms. Bennett stated that this matter has been ongoing for several years and advised that even though some work has been done, the property is still in violation of property standards regulations.

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, urged the police jury to follow through with the condemnation of properties which remain in violation of property standards regulations, and to discontinue allowing property owners additional time to complete the required clean up. He stated that handling these matters through the courts will be a much slower process.

**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to schedule a condemnation hearing on May 7, 2008, to consider condemnation of property at 210 James Street, Benton, LA, in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to table the matter of a recommendation for a Town/Parish joint appointment to the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.** Ms. Bennett stated that the matter is still being reviewed.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to accept the resignation of Ms. Kathryn Askew from the Ivan Fire District No. 3 Board of Commissioners, and to approve the appointment of Mr. G. M. Coker to fill Ms. Askew's unexpired term which expires 12/31/08. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Darby, to accept the resignation of Ms. Lisa Young from the Ivan Fire District No. 3 Board of Commissioners, and to approve the appointment of Ms. Sandra Bounds to fill Ms. Young's unexpired term which expires 12/31/09. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Benton, to adopt a resolution requesting the State Treasurer's Office to conduct a divided vote referendum under Section 218(d)(6) of the Social Security Act, for employees hired before April 1, 1986 who are members of the Parochial Employees Retirement System, for the purpose of allowing eligible employees the option of paying the Medicare only tax. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Act No. 204, Regular Session, Louisiana Legislature of 1952 (LA R.S. 42:1001-1011 as amended by Act 280 of 2004) established procedures whereby members of retirement system(s) in political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana may obtain Hospital Insurance-Medicare only coverage (“Medicare”), and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury desires to offer Medicare coverage to its eligible employees,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby adopt the following resolution:

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to extend the provisions of Section 1, Act 204, 1952 Regular Session, as amended by LA Act 280 of 2004, providing Medicare coverage to eligible officers and employees of the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

SECTION 2. In pursuance of said policy, the Bossier Parish Police Jury requests the State Treasurer’s Office to conduct a divided vote referendum, under Section 218(d)(6) of the Social Security Act, for employees hired before April 1, 1986, who are members of the Parochial Employees’ Retirement System. The divided vote referendum will be conducted pursuant to applicable State and Federal laws and regulations for the purpose of allowing eligible employees the option of paying the Medicare-only tax.

SECTION 3. The Bossier Parish Administrator, Bill Altimus, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the State of Louisiana to secure Medicare coverage of eligible officers and employees as provided in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 4. The coverage of eligible officers and employees shall be effective as of July 1, 2008, for the employees who voted “Yes” in the divided vote Medicare referendum.

SECTION 5. Withholdings from salaries or wages of officers and employees for the purpose provided in Section 1 hereof of this resolution are hereby authorized to be made in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable State and Federal laws and regulations, and shall be paid to the Internal Revenue Service, in such amounts and at such times as are designed in IRS Code 3121 (b)(7)(E) and 3126.

SECTION 6. Employer contributions shall be paid from amounts appropriated for such



purposes to the Internal Revenue Service in accordance with applicable Federal laws.

SECTION 7. The Bossier Parish Police Jury shall maintain such records and submit such reports as may be required by applicable State and Federal laws or regulations.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Avery, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Altimus, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Darby, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Butler

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Shell, Mr. Cummings

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SECRETARY-TREASURER  
JURY

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Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, discussed the Parks Road Bridge Replacement Project, advising that an agreement with the Department of Transportation and Development has been received. He stated the police jury previously approved an expenditure of \$100,000 for the project, which is being completed through the Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program, and stated that additional funding is needed for required approach work. Mr. Ford stated that the Department of Transportation and Development does not provide the approach slabs on each side of the bridge and has estimated that the police jury's cost for this work will be approximately \$622,000. He stated that the required funding can be paid from the 2008 budget for bridge work of \$1,000,000 and recommended that the police jury provide this additional cost. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve an expenditure of approximately \$622,000 for approach work for the Parks Road Bridge Replacement Project, and to authorize the President to execute the agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for this project. Motion carried unanimously.**

## RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of April, 2008, that Jimmy Cochran, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the Parks Road Bridge Replacement Project No. 713-08-0108.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of April, 2008.

CHERYL G. MARTIN  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Benton, to authorize the President to execute the contract with Jones Environmental for a landfill study. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of April, 2008, that Jimmy Cochran, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on its behalf, a contract with Jones Environmental for a landfill study in the parish.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of April, 2008.

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Mr. Ford reported on various properties which are in violation of property standards regulations. He stated that he has looked at property at 5217 Clover Lane, 5218 Timothy Trail and at 5213 John Wilson Drive. Mr. Avery stated that before any action is taken, he will inspect property at 5218 Timothy Trail

**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to schedule a condemnation hearing on May 7, 2008, to consider condemnation of property at 5217 Clover Lane, in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to schedule a condemnation hearing on May 7, 2008, to consider condemnation of property at 5213 John Wilson Drive, in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to schedule a condemnation hearing on May 7, 2008, to consider condemnation of property at 845 Highway 164, in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to schedule a condemnation hearing on May 7, 2008, to consider condemnation of property on Highway 527, in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Paul Rosini, NTB, Inc., was present for discussion of the Bellevue Road Improvements Project. Mr. Ford explained that the decision to install underground drainage for the first 10,000 feet

of the project resulted in an additional fee of \$15,000 for the required survey and platting work. He further stated that NTB, Inc., is currently preparing plans and specifications for a clearing and grubbing project.

Mr. Rosini stated that in preparing plans for the additional drainage work, there was a miscalculation in costs and stated that an additional \$86,000 is needed. Mr. Ford stated that the total engineering cost for the project is now approximately \$420,000, which he feels is acceptable.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to approve the additional funds needed for engineering services for the Bellevue Road Improvements Project. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Bruce Easterly reported on the proposed Cyber Innovation Center and requested authority to advertise for bids for the construction of the building, central plant equipment, and for infrastructure. He stated that bids for (1) the construction of the Cyber Innovation Center building will be received on June 4, 2008, and (2) bids for central plant equipment will be received on June 18, 2008, and (3) bids for infrastructure work will be received on July 2, 2008.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery, to authorize the advertising for bids for the Cyber Innovation Center, central plant equipment and infrastructure, as requested. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, presented a brief update on the Cyber Innovation Center project. Ms. Bennett commended members of the staff for their hard work in pursuing the Cyber Innovation Center for Bossier Parish.

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Mr. Altimus reported that Legislative Day is scheduled on May 13 in Baton Rouge and requested that jurors advise him if they plan to attend.

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Mr. Altimus reported that the application by Meadowview Elementary School for grant funds for the Safe Route to School program was not funded this year, but stated that the application will be resubmitted for the next funding cycle.

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Mr. Altimus stated that the new Capital Outlay bill is available and no projects for Bossier

Parish were cut.

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Mr. Altimus discussed several legislative issues and advised that an increase in the public works limit is being considered.

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Mr. Altimus presented a copy of a letter to the Corps of Engineers from Senator Mary Landrieu regarding levee certification which has been mandated by FEMA. The Corps of Engineers has advised that it considers funding for levee certification to be a non-federal responsibility and Senator Landrieu is making efforts to obtain a commitment from the Corps to provide the certification as many of the levees were constructed by the Corps of Engineers.

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Mr. Altimus reported on salvenia eradication efforts at Lake Bistineau, advising that approximately 2,016 acres have been sprayed. He stated that a gradual drawdown of the lake will begin shortly and plans are to lower the lake level by approximately 7 feet by July 15.

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Mr. Altimus advised that Mr. Cochran will be interviewed on Suddenlink at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays during the month of May.

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Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, reported that work on the Mayflower Road is complete. He stated that general patching work is being done, as well as grass cutting and spraying for mosquitoes.

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Darby, that Ms. Bennett will contribute \$3,000 from discretionary funds to the Benton High School girls' basketball team from new uniforms. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Darby advised of a request for \$500 from Bossier High School for an appreciation banquet for seniors and their parents. Mr. Jackson will review the request to determine if there are any eligible expenses.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Benton, that Mr. Shell and Mr. Hammack will contribute \$1,500 each for a total of \$3,000 from matching discretionary funds to the Parkway High School baseball program. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Benton advised that there are two homes located on one lot at 125 Bodcau Station Road and requested that the parish attorney advise the owner that this is a violation of parish regulations.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery, to authorize the Parish Attorney to send a letter to the owner of property at 125 Bodcau Station Road directing him to remove a mobile home from the lot. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Meachum advised of a request from the Haughton Mayor for the police jury's assistance in the construction of a road near the new Baptist Church in Haughton. He stated that the requested road is approximately 400' in length and stated that he and Mr. Ford will meet with the Mayor on site and present a cost estimate at the May 7, 2008 regular meeting.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve contributions from discretionary funds as follows:**

Airline High School wrestling team  
Mr. Altimus - \$500 discretionary funds  
Mr. Avery - \$500 matching funds

Bossier High School football team  
Mr. Cummings \$500 discretionary funds  
Mr. Altimus \$500 discretionary funds  
Mr. Darby \$500 discretionary funds

Bossier High School weight room  
Mr. Altimus \$2,000 matching funds  
Mr. Darby \$1,000 discretionary funds  
Mr. Johnston \$1,000 discretionary funds  
Mr. Cochran \$500 discretionary funds

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to adopt a resolution commemorating the 93rd anniversary of the Ealy Chapel C.M.E. Church. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ealy Chapel C.M.E. Church, Princeton, LA, was founded in 1915, and will celebrate its 93rd anniversary on April 20, 2008; and

WHEREAS, early meetings of the church were held in a brush arbor built on land owned by Bob and Lizzie Ealy, and Reverend Sam Hunter served as the first pastor; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, the church moved to its present site for the convenience of the people; and

WHEREAS, the life of the Ealy Chapel C.M.E. Church has stood strong through the years because of the dedication of its many congregations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on this 16th day of April, 2008, that it does hereby express its congratulations to the members of the Ealy Chapel C.M.E. Church on the commemoration and celebration of its 93rd anniversary.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Meachum. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of April, 2008.

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Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that additional topographic and soil testing is needed at the site of the proposed Doerle Foods facility and requested that Coyle Engineering and Geotech Engineering be hired to provide these services. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve the hiring of Coyle Engineering and Geotech Engineering to provide additional testing services at the site of the proposed Doerle Foods facility. Motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – April 16, 2008, 1:30 p.m.:

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Dr. John Chandler, Bossier Parish Coroner, discussed proposed amendments to the budget for the coroner's office for the remainder of 2008. He stated that he is working to improve operations by upgrading technology in the office and advised that new computer software has been found which is specifically designed for a coroner's office.

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Dr. Chandler stated that the use of a doctor at LSU is being considered for autopsies, advising that this will eliminate travel to Little Rock and greatly reduce transportation costs. He advised that he has found legislation which provides additional funding to the coroner's office from parish and city court costs which will generate approximately \$50,000 to the coroner's office.

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Ms. Bennett requested that Dr. Chandler provide the jury with actual budget figures after a six month period.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Benton, to authorize payment of accounts payable invoices for the month of March, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Finance Committee Adjourned.

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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 April, 2008, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:40 p.m.

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