

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 17th day of July, 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 Mr. Hank Meachum. The Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. Cheryl Martin, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. William Altimus	Mr. Brad Cummings
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. Mac Plummer

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.

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt the minutes of the June 4, 2008 and the June 18, 2008 regular meetings, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

State Representatives Jane Smith and Henry Burns presented to Ms. Barbara Shell, wife of the late Eddy Shell, a resolution adopted by the Louisiana Legislature expressing condolences upon the death of Mr. Shell and commemorating his many accomplishments.

Mr. Hammack presented a note from Senator Buddy Shaw expressing his condolences and advising that he has always held Mr. Shell in the highest regard. Mr. Hammack stated that Senator Shaw is out of town and unable to attend today's meeting.

Mr. Hammack also advised of a letter of appreciation from Bossier Parish Community College for Mr. Shell's many contributions to the college.

Ms. Ginger Adam, lobbyist, presented a report on the 2008 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. She briefly reviewed changes in the ethics law and requirements of the financial disclosure law, and encouraged jurors to attend informational seminars regarding the new laws.

Ms. Adam discussed changes in capital outlay funding regulations, advising that local matching funds are now required. She advised of an increase on the cap on severance tax revenues, with stipulations. Ms. Adam also advised of changes to both the public bid law and the open meetings law.

Mr. Altimus commended Ms. Adam, advising that she is very effective in her work as a lobbyist for Bossier Parish.

Representative Jane Smith commended the police jury, advising that it is a pleasure to work with Bossier Parish officials. Representative Henry Burns commended the police jury, and stated that Ginger Adam does an excellent job. Mr. Burns stated that it has been a privilege to work with Representative Smith and commended her for her work in the Legislature.

Mr. Vick Kirkendall, 3411 Heatherbrook Drive, advised of a drainage problem that is causing erosion and the possible loss of trees on his property. He requested that the jury consider the construction of a drainage ditch on the west side of Heatherbrook to alleviate flooding on his property.

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that he has inspected the site and there are no drainage easements at this location. He stated that he will meet with Mr. Kirkendall on site to review this matter and present his recommendation to the police jury at the August 20, 2008 regular meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Benton, to award the bid for the Cyber Innovation Center Building Construction Project, to McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc., in the base bid amount of \$49,980,000, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute the contract with McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc., subject to review of the contract by the Parish Attorney. Motion carried unanimously. Bids were opened and read aloud on June 13, 2008, and results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Carothers Construction	\$ 54,200,000.00 Base Bid
	\$ 11,078,000.00 Add Alt. #1
	\$ 804,000.00 Add Alt #2
Lincoln Builders of Ruston, Inc.	\$ 58,650,000.00 Base Bid
	\$ 11,512,000.00 Add Alt #1
	\$ 1,408,000.00 Add Alt #2
McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc.	\$ 49,980,000.00 Base Bid
	\$ 5,424,000.00 Add Alt #1
	\$ 660,000.00 Add Alt #2

It was noted that the base bid amount was accepted and Additive Alternates 1 and 2 were rejected. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that a deductive change order is being prepared which could result in a base bid amount of approximately \$36,500,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to award the bid for the Cyber Innovation Center Infrastructure Improvements Project, to SFC Contract Services in the amount of \$9,278,218.50, in accordance with bids received July 2, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
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Blount Brothers Construction	\$10,943,766.50
McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc.	\$12,566,000.00
SFC Contract Services, Inc.	\$ 9,278,218.50
F. J. Burnell, Inc.	\$10,816,958.50
H & H Contracting Co., Inc.	\$10,248,000.00

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to award the bid for the Cyber Innovation Center Central Plant Mechanical and Electrical Equipment Package, to FitzGerald Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$7,835,000.00, in accordance with bids received July 2, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Bernhard Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	Base Bid: \$8,066,000.00
	Add Alt #1: \$ 74,000.00
FitzGerald Contractors, LLC	Base Bid: \$7,800,000.00
	Add Alt #1: \$ 35,000.00
RRAC Contractors, Inc.	Base Bid: \$8,410,000.00
	Add Alt #1: \$ 38,000.00

Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to authorize the advertising for bids for installation of a water well at the Bossier Parish maximum security jail facility, bids to be received September 3, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to authorize the advertising for bids for the LA Highway 612 (Sligo Road) widening project, in connection with the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension Project. Motion carried unanimously. Bids are to be received September 17, 2008.

Ms. Martin announced the condemnation hearing to consider condemnation of property at 607 Lawrence Drive, Bossier Parish, LA. Ms. Somsanith Luangphone, property owner, was present. Mr. Richard Gunter, Bossier Parish Police Jury property standards officer, reported that the property owner has made considerable improvements. He stated that he provided the owner with a list of items that need to be addressed. The condition of the property will be reviewed at the August 20, 2008 regular meeting.

Ms. Martin announced the condemnation hearing to consider condemnation of property at 324 Princeton Road, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Richard Gunter, Bossier Parish Police Jury property standards officer, reported that no improvements have been made. He stated that the property needs to be mowed and reported that there is an inoperable vehicle located on the property. In response to questions by the Parish Attorney, Mr. Gunter stated that the property is in violation of property standards regulations and does provide a breeding ground for vermin. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to proceed with condemnation of property at 324 Princeton Road, Haughton, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Karla Sava, 125 Bodcau Station Road, was present for review of the condition of her property at 125 Bodcau Station Road. Mr. Benton stated that Ms. Sava has made considerable improvements and is still working to clean up her property. The condition of this property will be reviewed at the August 20, 2008 regular meeting.

Mr. Keith Johnson was present for review of the condition of his property at 716 Simpson Street, Benton, LA. Mr. Richard Gunter, Bossier Parish Police Jury property standards officer, presented photographs of the property taken by him on this date, and indicated that the property is in violation of property standards regulations. He stated that Mr. Johnson has made some effort to clean up his property, but reported that there is tall grass and debris, as well as an inoperable vehicle and a motor home on the property. Mr. Gunter stated that he has not inspected the back of Mr. Johnson's property.

Mr. Johnson is to be provided a list of items that need to be addressed, and allowed 30 days in which to bring his property into compliance with property standards regulations. The condition of this property will be reviewed at the August 20, 2008 regular meeting.

Mr. Craig Spohn, Cyber Innovation Center Director, presented a report on the proposed Cyber Innovation Center project. He provided information on buildings proposed for the center, as well as plans for future phases of the project.

Mr. Avery reported on a recent tour of the Cummings Research Park in Huntsville, Alabama, and stated that the facility is very impressive. He stated that officials with the facility and with the City of Huntsville are very sincere in their efforts to assist and support Bossier Parish in pursuing the Cyber Innovation Center. Mr. Hammack recommended that other members of the jury visit the facility. Ms. Bennett also commented on the tour, stating that the commitment and dedication of Huntsville officials is to be commended.

Mr. Butler discussed possible tax incentives for tenants of the Cyber Innovation Center. Representative Smith stated that the Legislature is working to improve certain tax issues in an effort to better accommodate businesses.

Jurors thanked Mr. Spohn for his report.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to schedule a public hearing on August 20, 2008, to consider adoption of changes regarding the new FEMA flood maps for Bossier Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Avery requested that Mr. Ford review parish regulations which require that homes in a flood hazard zone must be built one foot above the base flood elevation, advising that this may no longer be necessary.

Mr. Hammack, Chairman of the Landfill Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that the committee has no recommendation at this time.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Butler, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish Administrator to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development pertaining to the acquisition of right-of-way for the LA Highway 612 (Sligo Road) widening project, in connection with the extension of the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 17th day of July, 2008, that Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development pertaining to the acquisition of right-of-way for the LA Highway 612 (Sligo Road) widening project, in connection with the extension of the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Butler. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of July, 2008.

CHERYL G. MARTIN
SECRETARY-TREASURER

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to execute a contract with Fenner Consulting for design services for the new building at the highway department, subject to review by the Parish Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 17th day of July, 2008, that Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a contract with Fenner Consulting for design services for the new building at the highway department.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of July, 2008.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to authorize the staff to initiate preparation for the advertising and taking of bids for the leasing of parish property for the exploration and production of minerals. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, referred to the request to install security access gate system at River Bluff Subdivision, advising that he has received the required fees and a petition signed by all landowners. He stated that the developer is now ready to make the gates operational. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Butler, to approve the request for operation of a security access gate system at River Bluff Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4228

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF A SECURITY GATE SYSTEM IN RIVER BLUFF SUBDIVISION, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACEMENT OF SUCH ENCROACHMENT UPON RIVER BLUFF BOULEVARD, LOCATED IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 17th day of July, 2008, that in accordance with Ordinance No. 3504 of August 13, 1997, it does hereby approve the placement of a security access gate system upon River Bluff Boulevard in the River Bluff Subdivision, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Butler. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of July, 2008.

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Mr. Avery requested that Mr. Ford obtain an update on the Rebouche Road railroad crossing project.

Mr. Altimus advised of a request from the Bellaire Baptist Church that the jury declare adjudicated property at Lot 30, Barksdale Annex, as surplus, advising that the church has requested that the police jury consider donation of this property to the church for use as a playground. He stated that the lot is located adjacent to the church property and advised that the parish attorney is reviewing donation requirements. **Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to declare adjudicated property at Lot 30, Barksdale Annex, as surplus. Motion carried unanimously.**

Jurors were provided copies of district highway department reports.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize the submission of applications for funding through the Local Government Assistance Program, as follows:

An application on behalf of East Central Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 for funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 for bunker gear, and for the purchase and installation of a repeater to provide communications from the Camp Minden facility to the Fire District No. 1 dispatch center.

An application on behalf of Sligo Water System for funds in the amount of \$30,000 for the extension of water lines. An application on behalf of St. Mary Water System for funds in the amount of \$20,000 for the extension of water lines.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 17th day of July, 2008, that it does hereby approve an application to the Office of Community Development, Local Government Assistance Program, for funds in the amount of \$20,000 on behalf of East Central Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 for the purchase of bunker gear, and for the purchase and installation of a repeater to provide communications from the Camp Minden facility to the Fire District No. 1 dispatch center.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of July, 2008.

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JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 17th day of July, 2008, that it does hereby approve an application to the Office of Community Development, Local Government Assistance Program, for funds in the amount of \$30,000 on behalf of Sligo Water System for the extension of water lines.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of July, 2008.

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JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 17th day of July, 2008, that it does hereby approve an application to the Office of Community Development, Local Government Assistance Program, for funds in the amount of \$20,000 on behalf of St. Mary Water System for the extension of water lines.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of July, 2008.

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Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, introduced Phillip Carthern, advising that he is an architectural student at Louisiana Tech and is working with the engineering department for the summer.

Mr. Ford presented a brief update on the Modica Lott Road.

Mr. Ford reported on a meeting with Mr. Ed Kennon and Mr. Charles Coyle regarding drainage/flooding problems in Forest Hills Subdivision, advising that he will report on this matter at the August 6, 2008 regular meeting.

Mr. Ford advised of the need for repairs on Carterville Road due to damage by oilfield trucks and stated that he will contact the oil company regarding this matter.

Mr. Ford reported that funds may be available through the Department of Transportation and Development for turn lanes on Wafer Road and Princeton Road due to safety issues.

Mr. Ford advised that representatives of NTB Associates, Inc., will be present at the August 6, 2008 regular meeting to update jurors on the proposed Bellevue Road Improvements Project. He stated that a public meeting will be scheduled at the East 80 Library to provide information to the public and to allow for questions and input.

In response to a request from Ms. Laura Adley, Mr. Ford advised that a report on the zoning study by Wilbur Smith Associates should be available for review in September.

Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, discussed changes to the intersection of Seven Pines Road and the Cycle Plant Road. He stated that due to safety issues, a three-way stop has been installed. Mr. Ford stated that other means of warning motorists of this dangerous intersection are also being considered. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve the installation of three-way stop signs at the intersection of Seven Pines Road and Cycle Plant Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to establish a 15 mile per hour speed limit on Rebouche Road, and to install "Children at Play" signs. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 4229

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON REBOUCHE ROAD LOCATED IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 17th day of July, 2008, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon Rebouche Road located off Highway 3 in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in excess of Fifteen (15) miles per hour.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Meachum. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of July, 2008.

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Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to reduce the speed limit on Liberty Drive to 15 miles per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 4230

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON LIBERTY DRIVE LOCATED IN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 17th day of July, 2008, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon Liberty Drive located off Jamerson Road in Section 24, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in excess of Fifteen (15) miles per hour.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Meachum, seconded by Mr. Altimus. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of July, 2008.

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Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to establish a 15 mile per hour speed limit on streets within East Pointe Subdivision, and to provide “Children at Play” signs as needed. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 4231

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON ALL STREETS WITHIN EAST POINTE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 17th day of July, 2008, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon all streets located within East Pointe Subdivision, located in Section 31, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in excess of Fifteen (15) miles per hour.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of July, 2008.

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Mr. Andrews reported on the 2008 road overlay program, advising that 3.9 miles of road overlay is remaining for 2008.

Mr. Cummings reported on the NACo Conference held in Kansas City, Missouri, advising that there were excellent speakers. Mr. Meachum also attended the conference, and agreed that it was an informative conference.

Mr. Meachum requested that Mr. Gunter, property standards officer, inspect property at 326 Teague Drive. Mr. Gunter reported that he has inspected the property and has initiated property standards proceedings.

A meeting of the Policy and Procedures Committee is scheduled on July 23, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., in the police jury office.

Mr. Benton advised of a letter of appreciation from officials at Camp Minden for fire protection for the facility which is being provided by East Central Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Meachum, that Mr. Altimus will contribute \$5,000 from matching discretionary funds, and Mr. Darby will contribute \$3,000 from matching discretionary funds to Kerr Elementary School for a sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Report – July 17, 2008 – 1:30 p.m.

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

Finance Committee adjourned.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 17th day of July, 2008, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:25 p.m.

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