

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
February 18, 2009  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 18th day of February, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Glenn Benton, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Wayne Hammack and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Winfred Johnston. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Cindy Dodson, 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

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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. Cindy Dodson, Parish Secretary.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to adopt the minutes of the January 7, 2009, regular meeting, as amended and published, and the minutes of the January 21, 2009, regular meeting, as published. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Kenneth Starnes, Section 8 Housing Director, requested authority to purchase a new vehicle for the Section 8 Housing office, to be purchased with Section 8 Administrative funds. He stated that the vehicle currently being used needs major repair work which is estimated to cost more than the value of the car. Mr. Starnes stated that adequate funds are available in the Section 8 Admin account to purchase the vehicle. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to authorize the purchase of a vehicle for the Section 8 Housing office, to be purchased using Section 8 Administrative funds. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Butler, to award the bid for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Airline Drive and LeOaks Drive to Wilhite Electric Company in the amount of \$119,520.00, in accordance with the bid received on January 21, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.** This is the only bid received.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to award the bid for concrete street repairs in Cross Creek Subdivision, Project No. 2008-168, to H & H Contracting Co., Inc., low bidder meeting bid specifications. Motion carried unanimously.** Bids were opened and read aloud on February 4, 2009, and results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
F. J. Burnell, Inc.	\$65,315.00
Ronald G. Carlson, Inc.	\$48,925.90
H & H Contracting Co., Inc.	\$42,648.30
William N. Carter	\$48,400.00
Blount Bros. Construction, Inc.	\$50,114.00
CW&W Contractors, Inc.	\$56,180.00
SFC Contract Services, Inc.	\$72,482.00

Mr. Avery requested that a letter be sent to the homeowners association for Cross Creek to advise them of the projected start and end date for the project so they can coordinate on the gate.

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Mr. Ford advised that the Corps of Engineers has requested that the police jury overlay approximately 3.3 miles of the Bodcau Dam Road, advising that the road runs across property owned by the Corps of Engineers. He stated that the Corps of Engineers has advised that funding for the project may be available through the recently approved Federal Economic Stimulus package, and advised that the Corps of Engineers has submitted an application for these funds.

**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize the advertising for bids for in-place cement stabilized base course and asphaltic concrete wearing course of approximately 3.3 miles of Bodcau Dam Road, Project No. 2009-181, with awarding of the bid to be contingent upon receipt of U.S. Government funding for the project. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to authorize the advertising for bids for the purchase of one (1) new 10-ton tandem vibratory roller for the Bossier Parish Highway Department, bids to be received March 16, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Olde Oaks, Unit VIII, located in Section 23, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. A pipeline owned by Chesapeake Energy Corporation is located on a portion of this development and Mr. Ford stated that Mr. John Hodge, Weiner, Weiss & Madison, is currently working to finalize an agreement with Chesapeake to allow the parish to access this right-of-way as needed for proper maintenance and for utilities. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Olde Oaks, Unit VIII, subject to finalization of an agreement with Chesapeake Energy Corporation.**

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Cummings presented photographs of a recent pipeline explosion in Carthage, Texas, advising that he is concerned about the development of a residential subdivision at the location of a pipeline. He stated that he understands that the pipeline is a gathering line, but there could still be problems. Mr. Darby stated that he is also reluctant to approve a residential subdivision over a gas pipeline.

Mr. James Harris, developer, was present. Mr. Benton asked if a buffer area from the pipeline has been considered, and asked Mr. Harris if he would consider not building on Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the proposed development due to the location of the pipeline. Mr. Harris stated that he proposes to sell lots 5 and 6 as one lot, and lots 7 and 8 as one lot. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that there are currently no subdivision regulations which provide buffer requirements or minimum setback requirements for a pipeline. Mr. Harris stated that homes may be located 60 to 70 feet from the pipeline.

Mr. Cummings expressed concern, stating that the police jury is considering approval of a subdivision over an existing pipeline. Mr. Benton stated that there are other subdivisions in the parish where a pipeline exist. Mr. Marsiglia stated that the proposed plat meets all requirements of the current subdivision regulations.

Mr. Ford introduced Mr. David Lunsford, advising that Mr. Lunsford helped to create pipeline ordinances for the city of Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Lunsford stated that setback regulations for pipelines were removed from subdivision regulations for the City of Fort Worth, as pipelines are under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas

Mr. Harris stated that the pipeline is shown on the plat and potential buyers of property in the proposed development are made aware of the pipeline's location.

Mr. Meachum withdrew his motion to approve the development, and Mr. Avery withdrew his second. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to table this matter for further review, to be considered at the March 4, 2009, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to schedule a public hearing on March 18, 2009, to consider the application of Alltel to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for Conditional Use Approval on an I-1 tract of land located at 3528 Swan Lake Road, Bossier City, LA, to locate a 190 foot telecommunication tower. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 7109 Jennifer Lane, Princeton, LA. Mr. Stacy Pourteau, Property Standards Officer, presented updated photographs of the property advising that the property is in compliance with the exception of an inoperable vehicle in the driveway. Mr. Benton requested that the property owner be asked to take the car off blocks. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Butler, to dismiss condemnation proceedings and to take no further action. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 1502 Wafer Road, Haughton, LA. Mr. Stacy Pourteau, Property Standards Officer, presented updated photographs of the property and advised that the property owner will place the remaining debris in a dumpster. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Darby, to dismiss condemnation proceedings and to take no further action. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Altimus reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule condemnation hearings on March 4, 2009, to consider condemnation of the following properties:**

**1050 Chandler Road, Haughton, LA  
5212 Clover Lane, Bossier City, LA  
10503 Highway 3, Plain Dealing, LA  
5255 John Wilson, Bossier City, LA  
1061 Mack Drive, Haughton, LA  
1065 Mack Drive, Haughton, LA**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Trailblazers, Inc., in connection with the establishment of a recycling collection center. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009, that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Trailblazers, Inc., in connection with the establishment of a recycling collection center.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

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Mr. Gary Clark, Civil Design Group, reviewed Plan Change No. 2 on the new concessions and maintenance buildings at the Princeton Sports Complex, Project No. 2008-164. He stated that this change results in an additional amount of \$1,614.27, and a total of eleven additional contract days. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve Plan Change No. 2 on the new concessions and maintenance buildings at the Princeton Sports Complex, Project No. 2008-164, and to authorize the President to execute documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 2 on the new concessions and maintenance buildings at the Princeton Sports Complex Project No. 2008-164.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 2.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Sligo Road Overlay Project No. 2008-139, and to authorize the President to execute documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009, that it does hereby accept Substantial Completion of the Sligo Road Overlay Project No. 2008-139, and does authorize Mr. Glenn Benton, President, to execute documents.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve Change Order No. 2 on the Bossier Parish Water Improvements-Maximum Security Jail Project No. 2008-156, and to authorize the President to execute documents. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Ford stated that this Change Order provides for a 45-day time extension on the project.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 2 on the Bossier Parish Water Improvements-Maximum Security Jail Project No. 2008-156.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 2.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Charles Varnell and Ms. Wanda Smith to the Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 Board of Directors for four-year terms each, terms to expire March 1, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.** Ms. Bennett stated that Mr. Varnell and Ms. Smith are outstanding board members with excellent attendance records. A letter of appreciation is to be sent to Mr. Varnell and Ms. Smith.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Butler, to adopt an ordinance establishing a 25 mile per hour speed limit on Willis Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4270

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON WILLIS ROAD LOCATED IN SECTIONS 1 AND 12, TOWNSHIP 16 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon Willis Road located off Highway 527 in Sections 1 and 12, Township 16 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this ordinance, shall be fined a sum not to exceed Five Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Butler. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

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Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, discussed the proposed leasing of space at the BOCS building on Benton Road to Congressman John Fleming for location of an office. He stated that he is currently working on the lease documents, advising that the use of Federal forms is required. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize the leasing of office space at the BOCS building on Benton Road to Congressman John Fleming, and to authorize the President to execute the lease, subject to the finalization of documents by the Parish Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Jackson discussed the need for establishment of regulations pertaining to oil and gas operations in the parish

and advised that he is currently working with the City of Shreveport, the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Caddo regarding this matter. He recommended that the matter be referred to a police jury committee for review, advising that he will provide a copy of the first draft to the police jury office for members of the jury and the public. Mr. Butler recommended that the matter be referred to the Industrial Development Committee. **Motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to refer this matter to the Industrial Development Committee. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Avery, Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee, called a meeting of that committee on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Bossier Parish Health Unit on Old Minden Road.

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Mr. Altimus presented jurors with a packet of information received from the Police Jury Association regarding the Federal Stimulus Package and the upcoming convention in New Orleans.

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Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, requested that the Industrial Development Committee also review the matter of pipeline issues in the parish. Mr. John Hodge, Weiner, Weiss & Madison, stated that he will work on establishing a permitting system that complies with State regulations.

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Mr. Ford reported that DOTD has advised of the availability of funding through the Federal Stimulus Package for I-49 North, from Mira-Myrtis Road to La. 168 in Caddo Parish. He stated that this \$42 million project will create 4.6 miles of new interstate, continuing the state's commitment to finish I-49 from Shreveport to Arkansas.

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Mr. Ford advised of the need to purchase fryers and griddles for the concession stand at the Princeton Sports Complex at an estimated cost of \$3,600. The matter will be placed on the March 4, 2009, agenda for consideration.

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Mr. Ford reported on a recent DOTD Conference he attended in Baton Rouge, advising that there was discussion of the proposed East-West Corridor Project and the Wafer Road Extension Project. He stated that the matter of off-system bridges in the parish was also discussed.

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Mr. Ford discussed the new FEMA flood maps for the parish and advised that FEMA is working to resolve problems with the maps. He stated that Congressman John Fleming has been very supportive.

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Mr. Ford stated that highway department crews currently use paint for road striping and suggested that the police jury consider using thermoplastic striping for all parish road projects. He stated that he will look into this further and provide cost estimates.

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Mr. Butler suggested that Mr. Ford review speed limits on all parish roads to be certain that speed limits on thru roads are appropriate.

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Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, reported on various road projects in the parish.

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#### Finance Committee Report – February 18, 2009, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with all members present.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Avery, to authorize payment of an appropriation of \$75,000 to the Bossier Council on Aging for 2009. Motion carried, with Mr. Darby, Mr. Altimus and Ms. Bennett abstaining from vote.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to authorize payment of 2009 annual membership dues of \$14,820 to the Coordinating & Development Corporation. Motion carried, with Mr. Avery abstaining from vote.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to authorize payment of an appropriation of \$2,000 to the Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation for 2009. Motion carried, with Mr. Plummer and Ms. Bennett abstaining from vote.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize payment of an appropriation of \$50,000 to Northwest Louisiana Economic Development for 2009. Motion carried, with Mr. Altimus abstaining from vote.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to authorize payment of an appropriation of \$1,500 to the Red River Valley Association for 2009. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby, to authorize payment of an appropriation of \$1,500 to the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District for 2009. Motion carried, with Ms. Bennett abstaining from vote.**

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Darby, to authorize payment of an appropriation of \$1,800 to Trailblazer, Inc. for 2009. Motion carried with Mr. Altimus and Mr. Plummer abstaining from vote.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to authorize payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$958.21 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of January, 2009, as follows:**

<b>Storer Equipment Sales</b>	<b>\$340.00</b>
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Swan Lake Hardware, LLC	\$ 36.46
Storer Equipment Sales	\$331.75
Ark La Tex Power Cleaning	\$250.00

**Motion carried with Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Hammack abstaining from vote.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of January, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Bennett discussed the request of Benton Elementary School for funds to help support a science lab that has been set up for use by all teachers and grade levels at the school. She stated that the school does not have all items in place that would allow them to begin use of the laboratory. Ms. Bennett stated that she feels this program is considered an enrichment program.

Mr. Butler expressed opposition to the request, stating that approving funding for one school for a science laboratory could create an imbalance between schools. Mr. Butler further stated that he feels the school board should be making these decisions.

**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack, that Ms. Bennett will contribute \$2,500 from discretionary funds to Benton Elementary School for equipment for the science laboratory. Motion carried, with Mr. Butler opposing.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Hammack, that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Hammack and Mr. Meachum will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$333.33 each, for a total of \$1,000 to Parkway High School for uniforms for the softball program. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Cochran, that Mr. Johnston, Ms. Bennett and Mr. Avery will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$833.33 each, for a total of \$2,500 to Benton High School for a pitching machine for the softball program. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Hammack, that Mr. Plummer and Mr. Hammack will contribute \$1,000 each from matching discretionary funds to Parkway High School for field maintenance expenses for the baseball team. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to authorize Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, to travel to Washington, D.C. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.** Time of adjournment is 3:30 p.m.

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