#### BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY BENTON, LOUISIANA **MINUTES**

March 4, 2009

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 4th day of March, 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. Bill Altimus. 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. Winfred Johnston Mr. Glenn Benton 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. Cindy Dodson, Parish Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Larry Stier. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Larry Stier advised that he is a resident of Magnolia Chase Subdivision and stated that the developer is not maintaining the street lights in the subdivision. He stated that the developer has indicated that residents should form a homeowners association and assume maintenance of the lights. Mr. Stier stated that this action is not in accordance with the covenants for Magnolia Chase Subdivision. He stated that SWEPCO has advised that the lights installed by the developer were not approved by SWEPCO and they are unable to provide any assistance.

Mr. Jackson recommended that he and Mr. Ford meet with Mr. Stier to review the covenants for Magnolia Chase Subdivision. Mr. Avery requested that they review the covenants to determine when the homeowners association is to be established.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Darby to authorize the advertising for bids for a sixmonth supply of asphaltic concrete paving material for the Bossier Parish Highway Department, bids to be received April 8, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

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. Mr. James Harris, developer, requested that the matter be delayed advising that there are title issues that must be resolved. Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Butler, to table this matter for consideration at the April 1, 2009 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 1065 Mack Drive, Haughton, LA. Mr. Stacy Pourteau, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property and advised that the property owner has made substantial improvements to the property. He recommended that the owner be granted a 30-day extension in which to complete clean up of the property. Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to allow the owner of property at 1065 Mack Drive an additional 30 days in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously. The matter is to be reviewed at the April 1, 2009 regular meeting.

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 1061 Mack Drive, Haughton, LA. Mr. Stacy Pourteau, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property and advised that the owner is working to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations. He recommended that the owner be allowed 30 days in which to complete the clean up of his property. Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to allow the owner of property at 1061 Mack Drive an additional 30 days in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously. The matter is to be reviewed at the April 1, 2009 regular meeting.

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 5255 John Wilson Drive, Bossier City, LA. Mr. Stacy Pourteau, Property Standards Officer, presented recent photographs of the property and advised that the owner has made substantial improvements but the yard needs to be mowed. Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to allow the owner of property at 5255 John Wilson Drive an additional 30 days in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously. The matter is to be reviewed at the April 1, 2009 regular meeting.

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 10503 Hwy 3, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Stacy Pourteau, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property and stated that the owner has advised that his yard is too wet to do any work. He stated that the owner has requested a 30-day extension in which to bring the property into compliance. Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Darby, to allow the owner of property at 10503 Highway 3, Plain Dealing, an additional 30 days in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously. The matter is to be reviewed at the April 1, 2009 regular meeting.

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 5212 Clover Lane, Bossier City, LA. Mr. Stacy Pourteau, Property Standards Officer, presented recent photographs of the property. He stated that the March 4, 2009 Page 2

property owner has made substantial improvements to the property and advised that the only remaining work to be done is to mow the yard. Mr. David Hess, property owner, was present. He advised that the grass is now mowed and stated that he plans to have a lawn service continue to provide maintenance of the yard. Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Benton, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 5212 Clover Lane and to take no further action. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 1050 Chandler Road, Haughton, LA. Mr. Stacy Pourteau presented recent photographs of the property and recommended that the property owner be granted an additional 30 days in which to complete the clean up of his property. He stated that some work has been done and advised that he will re-inspect the property in 15 days. Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby, to allow the owner of property at 1050 Chandler Road an additional 30 days in which to bring his property into compliance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously. The matter is to be reviewed at the April 1, 2009 regular meeting.

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Ms. Bennett reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board, advising that it is recommended that condemnation hearings be scheduled on March 18, 2009, to consider condemnation of the following properties:

322 Johnson Drive, Haughton, LA

710 Lawrence Drive, Haughton, LA

532 Princeton Road, Princeton, LA

1104 Ward Lane, Princeton, LA

1106 Ward Lane, Princeton, LA

Circle Street, Haughton, LA (Section 6, T16N, R10W)

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to schedule condemnation hearings on March 18, 2009, to consider condemnation of the above listed properties as recommended by the Property Standards Board. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Altimus reported on a meeting of the Industrial Development Committee held on March 3, 2009. He stated that Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, did an excellent job as mediator of the meeting and stated that there were several people in attendance. Mr. Altimus recommended that any future meetings be held in the police jury meeting room. He stated that the proposed ordinance was reviewed and stated that public input was requested. Mr. Altimus stated that representatives from Caddo Parish were in attendance, and stated that the proposed regulations must be rules that all involved are able to follow.

Mr. Jackson stated that the jury needs to act quickly in getting the proposed regulations finalized and adopted. He stated that more landowners need to attend future meetings.

Mr. Cummings agreed that regulations need to be in place as soon as possible. He stated that members of the oil and gas industry are prepared to cooperate and stated that as drilling begins, citizens will become more involved.

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Mr. Altimus discussed funding for Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1, advising that the police jury has applied for funding for the fire district in the amount of \$20,000 through the Local Government Assistance Program. He stated that Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 has done a tremendous job for the parish, advising that the fire district has assumed the responsibility of providing fire protection for the area previously served by Bossier Parish Fire District No. 6, and is also providing fire protection for Camp Minden in Webster Parish. Mr. Altimus stated that the provision of fire protection for Camp Minden is vital to the continued development of the facility. He stated that he has been advised that Senator Robert Adley has declined to support the application for LGAP funding for Bossier Fire District No. 1, and requested that the jury consider approving an appropriation from the general fund in the amount of \$20,000 to the fire district.

Mr. Benton stated that Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 has offered their assistance whenever needed and urged the jury to approve funding to the fire district. Mr. Meachum requested that a letter be sent to Senator Adley to determine why he has chosen not to support the jury's request for grant funds for Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1. Mr. Benton stated that he understands that long term plans for providing fire protection to Camp Minden will need to be considered, but right now the fire district is using its own equipment, gas and personnel to provide this service and should be considered for immediate funding.

Mr. Cummings suggested that the Webster Parish Police Jury be contacted regarding funding to the fire district. Ms. Bennett stated that Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 has never asked the police jury for additional funds and has always been willing to provide assistance when needed. She stated that the jury needs to offer its support to the fire district.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to approve an appropriation of \$20,000 from the general fund to Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Altimus stated that the staff has contacted Blue Cross Insurance regarding the request of Bossier Parish EMS to cover its employees under the police jury's health insurance plan. He stated that representatives of Blue Cross have advised that EMS employees cannot be covered under the police jury's plan, but stated that they will work with Bossier Parish EMS regarding a health insurance plan for its employees.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the hiring of Mr. Neil Erwin, attorney, to serve as legal counsel for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, discussed Supplement No. 1 to the contract with Denmon Engineering Company, Inc., for the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension Project. He stated that this supplement provides preliminary plans and design of the parish portion of the project which consists of three miles of roadway, and results in a cost to the police jury of \$253,718. Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve Supplement No. 1 to the contract with Denmon Engineering Company, Inc., for the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension Project,

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### 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Supplement No. 1 to the contract with Denmon Engineering Company, Inc., for the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension Project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

CINDY A. DODSON PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve Plan Change No. 3 on the Forest Hills Subdivision Project No. 2008-167, and to authorize the President to execute documents. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ford stated that this plan change results in an additional amount of \$7,875.

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 3 on the Forest Hills Subdivision Project No. 2008-167.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute said Plan

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

CINDY A. DODSON

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT **BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY** 

PARISH SECRETARY

Mr. Ford discussed Plan Change No. 1 on the Smith Road and Willis Road Overlay Project No. 2008-135, advising that there are two culverts to be replaced at an additional cost of \$5,080.55. Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Smith Road and Willis Road Overlay Project No. 2008-135, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Smith Road and Willis Road Overlay Project No. 2008-135.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute said Plan

The resolution was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

CINDY A. DODSON PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT **BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY** 

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Smith Road and Willis Road Overlay Project No. 2008-135, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Smith Road and Willis Road Overlay Project

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4th day of March, 2009.

CINDY A. DODSON PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Darby, to authorize completion of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire in connection with the 2008 audit of Bossier Parish Police Jury financial records, and to authorize President to execute said questionnaire. Motion carried unanimously.

## RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire in connection with the 2008 audit of Bossier Parish Police Jury financial records.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009. CINDY A. DODSON

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

PARISH SECRETARY

Mr. Ford discussed the Princeton Sports Complex, advising that there are several items which need to be purchased for a total cost of \$33,400, as follows:

Poly Cap Fence Covers \$ 2,100.00 Dug Out Covers \$ 2,400.00 Field Conditioner \$ 3,200.00

Flag Pole \$ 1,000.00 Field Signs 400.00 Fryer/Griddle \$ 5,300.00

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Electrical \$ 4,000.00 Walking Paths \$15,000.00

Mr. Ford stated that this equipment will belong to the police jury. He advised that approximately 700 participants have signed up to play ball in the upcoming season and urged jurors to tour the facility. He stated that members of Haughton Athletics and volunteers have provided much of the labor and are purchasing mowers and other equipment needed. Mr. Ford reported that the flag pole at the facility will be lighted.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the purchase of items needed for the Princeton Sports Complex in the amount of \$33,400. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Jackson discussed the request of a local oil and gas company to lease police jury property located in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, where the company currently has active drilling operations. He stated that the leasing can be done either through the State Mineral Board or in-house. After discussion, Mr. Cummings recommended that the police jury participate as an unleased interest. Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Butler, to participate as an unleased mineral interest in the matter of oil and gas drilling operations on police jury property located in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Bruce Easterly discussed Plan Change No. 4 on the Cyber Innovation Center Building, and recommended approval. He stated that this change results in an additional amount of \$10,356.30. Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Johnston to approve Plan Change No. 4 on the Cyber Innovation Center Building, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents. Motion carried unanimously.

A tour of the facility with officials from Caddo Parish is tentatively scheduled on March 24, 2009.

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 4 on the Cyber Innovation Center Building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 4.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this  $4^{th}$  day of March, 2009.

CINDY A. DODSON PARISH SECRETARY GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Butler, to adopt a resolution supporting Advance Stores Company, Inc., located at the intersection of Airline Drive and Brownlee, and allowing them to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program. Motion carried, with Mr. Cochran opposing.

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF ADVANCE STORES COMPANY, INC., TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, and Act 624 and Act 647 of 1997 state the requirements of Louisiana's Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated census Tract  $\underline{111.04}$ , Block Group  $\underline{1}$  in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787-1791); and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury states that this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the Parish of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, the **attached Enterprise Zone map** has been marked to show the location of the business being endorsed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program, the Bossier Parish Police Jury agrees:

- 1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
- 2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, that Advance Stores Company, Inc., and their project Advance Stores, Enterprise Zone Application #20081143 is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Butler. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

CINDY A. DODSON PARISH SECRETARY GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to adopt a resolution supporting FedEx Ground Package System, Inc., Marlena Street, and allowing them to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program. Motion carried, with Mr. Cochran opposing.

### RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF FEDEX GROUND PACKAGE SYSTEM, INC., TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

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WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, and Act 624 and Act 647 of 1997 state the requirements of Louisiana's Enterprise Zone Program;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated census Tract 106.01, Block Group  $\underline{1}$  in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787- $\overline{1791}$ ); and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury states that this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the Parish of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, the attached Enterprise Zone map has been marked to show the location of the business being endorsed: and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program, the Bossier Parish Police Jury agrees: 1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.

2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 4th day of March, 2009, that FedEx Ground Package System, Inc., and their project FedEx Ground-Shreveport, Enterprise Zone Application #20081144 is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. The resolution was offered by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Cummings. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

CINDY A. DODSON PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT **BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY** 

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to adopt a resolution supporting Zaffater Eye Center, LLC, 2300 Hospital Drive, and allowing them to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program. Motion carried, with Mr. Cochran opposing.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF ZAFFATER EYE CENTER, LLC, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, and Act 624 and Act 647 of 1997 state the requirements of Louisiana's Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated census Tract 111.04, Block Group  $\underline{2}$  in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787- $\overline{1791}$ ); and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury states that this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the Parish of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, the attached Enterprise Zone map has been marked to show the location of the business being endorsed: and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program, the Bossier Parish Police Jury agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.

2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, that Zaffater Eye Center, LLC, and their project new eye clinic, Enterprise Zone Application #20081213 is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

CINDY A. DODSON PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT **BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY** 

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Mr. Meachum advised that he is unable to attend the upcoming Police Jury Association Convention. Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to authorize the following police jurors and staff to attend the upcoming Police Jury Association Convention in New Orleans on March 19-21, 2009:

Mr. Altimus

Mr. Benton

Mr. Darby

Mrs. Bennett

Mr. Jackson

Mr. Ford

Ms. Grappe

## Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Altimus reported on the Cotton Valley Road, advising that the property owner who had placed a cable

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across a portion of the road, has advised that he will agree that the Cotton Valley Road is a parish road if the police jury continues maintenance of the road and constructs a fence along the road the distance of his property line.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to continue maintenance of the Cotton Valley Road, and to deny the request for construction of a fence. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Altimus advised of a request from the Coordinating and Development Corporation for the police jury's support of a resolution urging the promotion and implementation of high-speed broadband internet service to all citizens. He stated that he has e-mailed a copy to all jurors and will place this matter on the March 18, 2009 agenda for review.

Mr. Altimus advised of a letter from the Honorable Judge Parker Self advising that following a site-team review, an additional judgeship for the 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court is not recommended at this time.

Jurors were provided a copy of the final draft recommendations from Wilbur Smith Associates regarding proposed parishwide zoning. Mr. Altimus stated that this matter will be placed on the March 18, 2009 agenda for discussion.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to authorize Mr. Benton, Ms. Bennett and Mr. Jackson to travel to Washington, D.C., on March 11-12, 2009, to meet with Senator David Vitter and members of his staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Altimus discussed a 15' strip of property located at 1125 Margaret Street off Barksdale Boulevard which is adjudicated to the parish. He stated that parish crews cut down several trees located on this property several years ago and he has received a complaint from a citizen of this area regarding the stumps which were left. Mr. Cochran recommended that Mr. Altimus contact the citizen to see if he is interested in purchasing this property. Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to table this matter for consideration at the March 18, 2009, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to amend the agenda to address the matter of execution of an oil and gas division order from Questar Exploration. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None **ABSENT:** None

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize the President to execute an oil/gas division order from Questar Exploration, with the stipulation that the Parish Attorney send a letter to Questar Exploration confirming the police jury's percentage of interest and verifying that the police jury is an unleased mineral interest and is not a part of the operating agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

# RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, an oil/gas division order from Questar Exploration.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

CINDY A. DODSON

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT **BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY** 

PARISH SECRETARY

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to amend the agenda to allow discussion of additional funding for Sewer District No. 1. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to execute any and all documents in connection with an application for additional funds for Sewer District No. 1 which may become available through Federal Stimulus funding to the Department of Environmental Quality and the United States Department of Agriculture. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jackson stated that application deadlines are soon and applying does not ensure that funds will be received.

### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents in connection with an application for additional funds for Sewer District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier which may become available through Federal Stimulus funding to the Department of Environmental Quality and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

CINDY A. DODSON PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT **BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY** 

Mr. Ford reported that Crouch Road will be closed for approximately three months beginning Monday, March 9,

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2009, for the Crouch Road over White Oak Branch bridge replacement project.

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Mr. Ford reported that the Rebouche Road railroad track work has been postponed until next week.

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Mr. Ford stated that he has had no recent contact with FEMA and advised that French Engineering is to sign Letters of Map Amendment in this area.

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Mr. Ford stated that Mr. John Hodge is currently working on a proposed ordinance establishing regulations for utility pipelines in the parish.

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Mr. Ford advised that additional stop signs have been requested for Rosedale Place Subdivision. He stated that the speed limit in the subdivision has been lowered to 15 miles per hour and speed bumps are now requested. It was requested that Mr. Ford contact the Homeowners Association for Rosedale Place Subdivision to advise them that no additional stop signs will be placed in the subdivision and to recommend that they contact the Sheriff's Department regarding speeding problems.

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Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, presented a report on various road projects and activities of the highway department.

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Ms. Bennett reported that she has been advised by the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District Board that there are bad erosion problems at the Cypress Lake beach. She stated that the jury's assistance is requested in providing labor and equipment to do leveling work and they will pay all costs. Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize parish crews to perform leveling work at the Cypress Lake beach, with the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District paying all equipment and labor costs. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ms. Bennett advised that she will be attending a Groundwater Resource meeting on March 5, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, LA, and encouraged other jurors to attend.

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Mr. Benton requested that a meeting of the Juvenile Committee be scheduled soon to discuss the possible purchase of land for location of a new juvenile detention center.

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Mr. Jackson reported that he has received comments regarding the Industrial Development Committee meeting on proposed oil and gas regulations, and suggested that the proposed ordinance be prepared for review by the jury at the April 1, 2009, regular meeting.

A meeting of the Industrial Development Committee is scheduled for March 18, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., in the police jury meeting room, to continue discussion of proposed oil and gas regulations for Bossier Parish.

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Mr. Jackson advised that due to lower interest rates on State funding, the proposed sewer district project may move more quickly. He stated that the appointment of an ad hoc committee to review this matter may need to be considered.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, **motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON PARISH SECRETARY GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY