

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 1st day of April, 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. Brad Cummings. 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

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.

Mr. Kenneth Starnes, Section 8 Housing Director, discussed possible Federal Stimulus funds for the housing program, advising that a 2.6% increase is proposed. Mr. Darby asked if there are any new programs available. Mr. Starnes stated that there may be additional Homeless Veterans vouchers. He further stated that the housing program currently has 640 participants and 200 on the waiting list. Jurors thanked Mr. Starnes for his report.

Mr. Kenny Loftin provided a report on the current status of the Juvenile Detention Center. He stated that the number of juveniles in the facility fluctuates, and the current average daily population is 15 to 16 inmates. In response to question by Mr. Darby, Mr. Loftin advised that the current inmate recidivism rate at the facility is 20%.

Mr. Loftin commended the staff at the detention center, and stated that limited space at the facility is difficult. He stated that the construction of a new facility would be very beneficial.

Mr. Meachum asked questions regarding the inmate visitation policy at the facility. Mr. Loftin stated that family and contact visits are allowed, and advised that visitation by phone is no longer used. He stated that parents are allowed to visit the inmates everyday. Jurors thanked Mr. Loftin for his report.

Mr. Ronnie Andrews discussed bids received on March 16, 2009 for one (1) new 10 ton tandem vibratory roller for the highway department, advising that the low bidder did not meet bid specifications. He recommended that the bid be awarded to the next low bidder, Doggett Machinery Service in the amount of \$95,027. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to award the bid for one new 10 ton tandem vibratory roller for the Bossier Parish highway department to Doggett Machinery Service, low bidder meeting bid specifications. Motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

H & E Equipment Service	\$105,350.00
Scott Construction Equipment	\$108,961.00
Doggett Machinery Service	\$ 95,027.00
Waukesha-Pearce Ind., Inc.	\$117,916.00
ESS Equipment Support Services	\$ 90,650.51

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. Brad Graff, Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Mr. James Harris, developer, and Mr. John Hodge, Weiner, Weiss & Madison, were present.

Mr. Hodge stated that an agreement from Chesapeake Energy Corporation is needed which provides that they have the authority to locate and maintain a gas pipeline on the property. He stated that the police jury should be aware of where the pipeline is located and it should be verified that the pipeline is located as indicated on a survey of the property. Mr. James Harris, developer, stated that the pipeline has been lowered to 16 feet and all parties are in agreement as to the location of the pipeline.

Mr. Cummings suggested that Chesapeake be provided with a masterplan of the Olde Oaks Development so that they can work with the developer on future units. Mr. Harris stated that Chesapeake has been provided a masterplan for the development and is willing to cooperate. He stated that Chesapeake has indicated that they prefer not to locate a pipeline within a subdivision when possible. Mr. Harris stated that all potential buyers of property in Olde Oaks will be made aware of the pipeline, advising that this information will be included in the purchaser's closing documents.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Olde Oaks, Unit VIII, subject to review and approval by Mr. Hodge of all final documents and agreements. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of The Perfect Place, Unit 2, located in Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Charles Coyle, Coyle Engineering, stated that this plat was approved one year ago and in accordance with regulations, the time allowed to begin development has expired. He stated that the plat has not changed since the initial approval. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the plat of the proposed development of The Perfect Place, Unit 2, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Avery requested that a report from the Industrial Development Committee be heard at this time. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that he has prepared two proposed ordinances and has received a substantial number of comments on this matter. Jurors were provided a copy of the proposed regulations and Mr. Jackson reviewed changes. He referred to rural areas of the parish as defined in the proposed ordinance, and stated that a decision must be made as to

whether the proposed regulations will apply in these areas. Mr. Jackson stated that in the extreme rural areas of the parish, it is believed that if a compressor station and drilling activity is already in place, it is a completely different situation than if someone buys property, builds a home and then drilling activity begins. He stated that there are a limited number of complaints at this time in these extreme rural areas.

Mr. Jackson stated that he will need additional input from the police jury on the matter of compressor stations and advised that all issues regarding compressor stations have been removed from the proposed ordinance as further study is required. He further stated that noise regulations are excluded from the proposed regulations and are not being considered at this time.

Mr. Cummings stated that he understands that regulations inside a municipality will be more restrictive, but stated that drilling operations have existed in the rural areas of the parish for many years. He urged the jury to cooperate with oil and gas companies operating in the parish and to limit restrictions in the rural areas. Mr. Cummings further stated that to consider regulations for compressors is premature at this time.

Mr. Butler stated that he has received complaints from landowners in Lakewood Subdivision, and stated that some type of regulations are needed. Mr. Cummings stated that he feels the proposed regulations are too restrictive to approve at this time.

Mr. Hammack asked what affect these regulations will have on the proposed parishwide zoning. Mr. Jackson explained that the proposed oil and gas regulation will apply only in the five-mile MPC area outside the City of Bossier and the five-mile MPC area outside the Town of Benton, and to areas within 500 feet of 20 or more subdivided lots.

Mr. Jackson stated that Mr. John Hodge has prepared an ordinance which amends Chapter 94 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances to provide regulations pertaining to pipelines crossing public rights-of-way. Mr. Hodge stated that the proposed ordinance adds common carriers, provides the definition of a pipeline and follows the guidelines currently in place by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. He stated that there are currently no provisions in place governing the placement of pipelines as they intersect public rights-of-way, and no regulations in place for common carriers in a pipeline situation.

Mr. Hodge stated that the proposed ordinance provides that the pipeline company must obtain a permit from the police jury to install the pipeline on a public right-of-way. He stated that the oil company will be required to relocate or lower the pipeline in the event the public road is widened, lowered or altered in any way, at no cost to the police jury. Mr. Hodge stated that the police jury will be protected, held harmless and indemnified in the event of any claims, damages or losses for personal injury or property damage which may occur due to the construction of the pipeline. Mr. Ford advised that the permit fee has been set at \$500 and permit regulations are in order with State requirements.

Mr. Jackson stated that any use of a public water supply will be regulated by the current drinking water protection ordinance.

Ms. Jodee Bruyninckx, Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, requested that the jury delay adoption of the proposed ordinances to allow their members additional time to review the latest revisions. She expressed concerns regarding several issues including regulations pertaining to fill material, advising that it is not possible to eradicate dust completely. Ms. Bruyninckx further stated that there are concerns regarding the abatement of exhaust fumes, the removal of debris, and the emergency response plan pertaining to shut-off valves.

Mr. Butler stated that the police jury must protect the quality of life for the citizens of Bossier Parish. Mr. Darby stated that it is not the intention of the police jury to over-regulate the oil and gas industry.

Mr. Matt Ellerd, Camterra Resources, briefly discussed noise regulations and offered additional information regarding compressor stations.

Mr. John Kinnebrew, Heritage Energy Company, stated that the oil and gas industry is not insensitive to homeowners and is aware of the public's concerns.

Mr. Bobby Edmiston, Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, advised the police jury that Petrohawk, J-W Operating Company and Camterra Resources, are among the top ten taxpayers in Bossier Parish, and stated that oil and gas companies do generate a substantial amount of tax dollars.

Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to table this matter for consideration at the April 15, 2009, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stacy Pourteau, Property Standards Officer, reported that property at 1065 Mack Drive, Haughton, LA, is now in compliance with property standards regulations. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 1065 Mack Drive, and to take no further action. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Stacy Pourteau, Property Standards Officer, reported that property at 1061 Mack Drive, Haughton, LA, is now in compliance with property standards regulations. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 1061 Mack Drive, and to take no further action. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Stacy Pourteau, Property Standards Officer, reported on the condition of property at 5255 John Wilson Drive, Bossier City, LA, and advised that the property is not in compliance with property standards regulations. He presented current photographs of the property. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to proceed with the condemnation of property at 5255 John Wilson Drive, in accordance with property standards regulations. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Stacy Pourteau, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of property at 10503 Highway 3, Bossier Parish, LA, and advised that the property owner has made no effort to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations. At a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review on March 4, 2009, the property owner was granted 30 days in which to clean up the property. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Butler, to proceed with the condemnation of property at 10503 Highway 3 if the property is not cleaned up by April 4, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Stacy Pourteau, Property Standards Officer, reported that property at 1050 Chandler Road, Haughton, LA, is now in compliance with property standards regulations. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Butler, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 1050 Chandler Road, and to take no further action. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Bennett reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review and advised that condemnation is recommended on property at 113 Mildred Street, Benton, LA, and on property at 77 Princeton Lane South, Princeton, LA. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to schedule condemnation hearings on April 15, 2009, to consider condemnation of property at 113 Mildred Street, Benton, LA, and property at 77 Princeton Lane South, Princeton, LA. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Cochran reported on a meeting of the Juvenile Committee, advising that the committee will continue its search for property for the location of a new detention center facility.

Mr. Ford reported on a meeting with representatives of the Bossier Parish Levee District and representatives of the Department of Transportation and Development regarding a request from landowners that the Levee District abandon its 100' maintenance easement along a section of Willow Chute Bayou from Deen Point Road to Linton Road. He stated that approving the abandonment of this easement will also abandon that section of Willow Chute Bayou. Mr. Ford stated that parish regulations will continue to apply and the parish must have access to the stream. He stated that the developers are being asked to maintain that portion of the Willow Chute Lateral. Mr. Altimus stated that the police jury has no jurisdiction in this matter and recommended that no action be taken.

Mr. Ray Lasseigne, President of the Levee District was present, and stated that the Levee District wants to be certain that the police jury is aware of the proposed abandonment.

Mr. Ford stated that the Department of Transportation and Development has no objections. He further stated that it is his opinion that the Levee District should retain this easement and deny the request for abandonment. **Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to authorize a letter to the Bossier Parish Levee District advising them that the police jury recommends that they deny a request for abandonment of a 100' maintenance easement along a section of Willow Chute Bayou from Deen Point Road to Linton Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

There was discussion of the matter of a gate placed across a section of the Cotton Valley Road. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, stated that the Cotton Valley Road is a public road and the landowner has requested that the police jury agree to provide regular maintenance of the road to such a degree that travel along the road is possible for a two-wheel drive vehicle in any weather condition. He stated that if the parish agrees to maintain the road, the landowner will acknowledge a 12-foot wide public road through his property and remove any gates already in place and not construct any new gates.

Mr. Jackson recommended that the police jury repair and maintain the road, but not limit it to a 12-foot wide road. He agreed that the road is in bad need of repair. Mr. Altimus stated that the Corps of Engineers and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries each use this road.

Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to authorize the repair of a portion of the Cotton Valley Road. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Andrews, Public Works Director, and Mr. Ford will prepare a cost estimate for the needed repairs and present it to the jury for their consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to adopt a proclamation to proclaim the week of April 12–18, 2009, as National Community Development Week in Bossier Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has operated since 1982 to provide local governments with the resources required to meet the needs of persons of low-and moderate-income; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has had a significant impact on our local economy through either job creation and retention, public infrastructure improvements and/or improved housing; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish Police Jury and other local governments have clearly demonstrated the capacity to administer the CDBG program to identify, prioritize and resolve pressing local problems, such as housing rehabilitation and relocation, neighborhood centers, job creation and retention, and public infrastructure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, The Bossier Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim the week of April 12 – 18, 2009, as

NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in the Parish of Bossier and urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program and the important role it plays in our community.

The proclamation was offered by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Altimus. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of April, 2009.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt a proclamation to proclaim the month of April, 2009, as Fair Housing Month in Bossier Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 41st Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves for the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the state of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the departments and agencies of the state of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the option of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, The Bossier Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2009, as
FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the Parish of Bossier, and do hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter of spirit of the Fair Housing Law, and ask the citizens of this Parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

The proclamation was offered by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of April, 2009.

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Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to execute a Vending Facility Location Agreement with the State Licensing Agency for the provision of space necessary for vending machine services in the snack shop area located on the second floor of the Bossier Parish Courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of April, 2009, that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, the Vending Facility Location Agreement with the State Licensing Agency for the provision of space necessary for vending machine services in the snack shop area located on the second floor of the Bossier Parish Courthouse.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of April, 2009.

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Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to execute a Service and Usage Agreement with the Town of Plain Dealing for the DeMoss Hill Wastewater Collection System Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of April, 2009, that Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, the Service and Usage Agreement with the Town of Plain Dealing, in connection with the DeMoss Hill Wastewater Collection System Improvements.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of April, 2009.

CINDY A. DODSON
 PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
 BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to accept the proposal of Alliance, Inc., in the amount of \$2,875 for construction administration services and site visits for the Airline Drive at LeOaks traffic signal project. Motion carried, with Mr. Butler and Mr. Avery opposing.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Spring Branch Road Overlay Project No. 2008-166, and to authorize the President to execute documents.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of April, 2009, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Spring Branch Road Overlay Project No. 2008-166.

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. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of April, 2009.

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There was discussion of a request for acceptance of Posey Lane into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Mr. Ford stated that after research of this matter, it has been determined that Posey Lane is located in a subdivision and was previously named Hickory Acres Drive. He stated that he has asked E911 to determine when the name change occurred. Mr. Ford stated that the road is in poor condition and a survey is needed. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Butler, to take no action on this matter at this time. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish

Administrator to submit a pre-application to the Department of Environmental Quality in connection with funding for Bossier Parish Sewer District No. 1 through the State Revolving Fund loan program. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury is in need of wastewater collection and treatment facility improvements in Bossier Parish Sewerage District No. 1; and,

WHEREAS, loans and/or grants for this project may be available through the State Revolving Fund loan program operated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana that:

Section 1. The Administrator is hereby authorized to submit a pre-application to the Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the purpose of placing this project on the Project Priority List for funding through the State Revolving Fund loan program; and,

Section 2. The Administrator is further authorized to furnish such additional information as may reasonably be requested in connection with the pre-application; and,

Section 3. The Administrator is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative for the Bossier Parish Police Jury for any project that may result from submission of the pre-application.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1st day of April, 2009.

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Mr. Altimus provided jurors with a copy of information regarding resolutions which were adopted at the recent Police Jury Association Convention held in New Orleans.

Mr. Altimus advised of a proposal from the Caddo Parish Commission to partner with Bossier Parish in its newly established weights and standards program. He stated that Caddo Parish has offered to contribute to the costs associated with the program and advised that Mr. Russell Craig, Weights and Standards officer, is willing to assist Caddo Parish. Mr. Cummings stated that this would help to offset the police jury's cost for the Weights and Standards Program.

Mr. Meachum stated that the police jury should allow time for its new program to get better established before considering the proposal from Caddo Parish. The jury concurred.

Mr. Altimus advised of a proposal from Watco Transportation Services, Inc., to purchase or lease the railroad spur which is owned by the police jury in the Reuben E. White Industrial Park. Mr. Cummings recommended that the police jury lease this property only. Mr. Jackson is to advise Watco Transportation Services, Inc., that the police jury will consider a lease agreement only and is not interested in selling this property.

Jurors viewed aerial photographs of the Princeton Sports Complex, the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension Project, the Cyber Innovation Center, and the I-20/I-220 interchange.

Mr. Altimus advised of a request from Ms. Ann Price on behalf of the organizers of the Bossier/Shreveport Tea Party, for use of the courthouse parking lot on April 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. There was no objection.

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve 10 additional sick days in 2009 for Mary Howell, highway department employee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to amend the agenda to consider the matter of Roten Ranchettes, Unit 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. Avery, seconded by Mr. Butler, to schedule a public hearing on May 6, 2009, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Roten Ranchettes, Unit No. 1, located in Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ford advised of a request from Chesapeake Energy Corporation to run a 10" temporary water line along the parish right-of-way to run water from Flat River to frac an oil/gas well. He stated that the line should be in place for approximately 10 days. **Motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to approve the request of Chesapeake Energy Corporation as presented, with the provision that the police jury be provided a hold harmless agreement. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ford presented an update on the courthouse chillers, advising that the two original chillers are now being used.

Mr. Ford advised of the need for sod at the Princeton Sports Complex, advising that 1,647 square yards is needed. He further stated that a propane gas tank with a regulator is needed, as well as additional dugout covers. Mr. Benton recommended that two 80-gallon propane tanks be used. Mr. Ford stated that the total estimated cost of the needed items is \$9,086.15. **Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve an expenditure of \$9,086.15 for sod and other items at the Princeton Sports Complex. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Benton urged jurors to attend the opening ceremonies at the park on April 18, 2009.

In response to question by Mr. Avery, Mr. Ford advised that crews should resume work on the Rebouche Road railroad crossing project shortly. He stated that they were called to New Orleans for an emergency job.

Mr. Butler asked the status of a request to accept Gary Rex Circle into the parish road system. Mr. Ford stated that he will determine if landowners are willing to donate the needed right-of-way and report back to the jury.

Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, stated that the highway department will resume nine-hour work days on Monday, April 6, 2009.

Mr. Andrews presented photographs of an abandoned pool in Country Place Subdivision which was condemned in accordance with property standards regulations and has now been filled in.

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Butler, to request an audit report from the Bossier Office of Community Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cochran referred to the recent announcement that the Shriner's Hospital in Shreveport may be closing due to economic restraints and urged everyone to support to the facility.

Mr. Darby reported on the Police Jury Association Convention, advising that he has been elected as Chairman of the Health and Human Resources Committee.

Ms. Bennett reported that she attended several good workshops during the Police Jury Association Convention.

Mr. Altimus offered his congratulations to Mr. Darby on his election as Chairman of the Health and Human Resources Committee.

Mr. Meachum advised that he has received a request from Elm Grove Middle School for discretionary funds in the amount of \$300, and stated that the matter will be considered at the April 15, 2009 Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, advised that he is arranging a meeting next week with Mr. Larry Stier regarding the matter of street light maintenance in Magnolia Chase Subdivision, and asked Mr. Avery to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1st day of April, 2009, **motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Avery, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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PARISH SECRETARY

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