

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
May 20, 2009

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 20th day of May, 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. Jerome Darby. 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. 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. Meachum, to amend the agenda to add Mr. James Harris. 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**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Craig Spohn.**

**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**

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Mr. Randy Davis requested that the jury provide him with a Letter of No Objection to the leasing of land under the 148.6 contour line of Lake Bistineau, which is owned by the State. He stated that there are abandoned structures located on this property and in order for him to repair the structures he must lease the land from the State. Mr. Davis stated that in the leasing process, the State requires that he provide a letter of no objection from the local governing authority.

Ms. Kate Davis explained that they purchased the Camp Joy Marina property in 2005 and actually own the structures. She stated that in order for them to repair and maintain the cabins, they are required to obtain a lease for the land from the State.

Mr. Tom Hathorn, Hathorn Surveying, explained that the State claims ownership to the historic high-water mark on the lake, and advised that land located between the edge of the water and this high-water mark must be leased from the State.

**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to table this matter to allow review by the Parish Attorney. Motion carried, with Mr. Meachum opposing.**

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Mr. James Harris requested 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. In action by the jury on April 1, 2009, the plat was approved subject to review and approval by Mr. John Hodge, Weiner, Weiss & Madison, of an agreement with Chesapeake Energy Corporation regarding the location of a gas pipeline on the property. Mr. Ford stated that he and Mr. Hodge are working with representatives of Chesapeake on this matter. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Olde Oaks, Unit VIII.**

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Meachum asked if buyers of property in the subdivision will be aware of the pipeline's location. 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.

Ms. Bennett expressed concern regarding the proposed approval of this plat without having an agreement in place with Chesapeake Energy regarding the pipeline. She requested that a certified letter be sent to Chesapeake Energy requesting their immediate attention to this matter, and asked that this be included in Mr. Meachum's motion to approve the plat. Mr. Ford suggested holding all permits for Chesapeake Energy until the matter is resolved.

Mr. Neil Erwin, legal counsel in the absence of Mr. Jackson, recommended that the police jury consider requiring Mr. Harris to provide an agreement to indemnify and hold the parish harmless in the event of a pipeline accident. Mr. Harris stated that he would have to have the individual landowners provide this.

**Votes were cast on Mr. Meachum's motion to approve the plat of the proposed development of Olde Oaks, Unit VIII, as presented. Motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

**AYES: Mr. Altimus, Mr. Avery, Mr. Benton, Mr. Butler, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Meachum, Mr. Plummer.**

**NAYS: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Cummings**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: None**

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Mr. Craig Spohn, Executive Director of the Cyber Innovation Center, discussed the recent announcement of the preferred alternative location of the 24<sup>th</sup> Air Force. In reference to information from Lt. General Robert Elder, Mr. Spohn

stated that the decision to locate the 24<sup>th</sup> Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, should have minimal impact on cyber efforts in Northwest Louisiana. He stated that the 24<sup>th</sup> Air Force will work the network operations mission and Barksdale Air Force Base will maintain the Air and Space Operations Center's Command and Control role for integrating global cyber effects and integrated global and theater integrated effects for STRATCOM. Mr. Spohn stated that this will not affect National Guard support for Louisiana's Cyber Security and Defense initiatives in Bossier City and in Baton Rouge.

Mr. Spohn stated that the location of the Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base will have a strong economic impact on this area, and advised that the Cyber Innovation Center will provide critical infrastructure support.

Jurors thanked Mr. Spohn for his report.

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to authorize the advertising for bids for reconstruction and rehabilitation of approximately 1.5 miles of the Linton Road from Airline Drive to Jessie Jones Drive, Project No. 2007-011. Motion carried unanimously.**

Bids are to be received June 24, 2009.

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Roten's Ranchettes, Unit No. 1, located on the Clement Road off Highway 162, in Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. The matter was tabled on May 6, 2009. Mr. Ford recommended that the matter be tabled for consideration at the June 3, 2009, regular meeting.

**Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Avery, to table the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Roten's Ranchettes, Unit No. 1, to be considered at the June 3, 2009, regular meeting.**

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Lee Berry stated that he has lived on Clement Road for many years and stated that this is a rural area. He stated that he is not opposed to the proposed development, but asked that the developer consider the existing residents of the area. Mr. Ford explained to Mr. Berry that stick-built homes are proposed.

**Votes were cast on Mr. Cummings' motion to table this matter for consideration at the June 3, 2009, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider abandonment of Westbrook Lane located off the Old Plain Dealing Road. The matter was tabled on May 6, 2009. Mr. Julian Whittington, Bossier Sheriff's Department, and members of the White family were present. Mr. Whittington stated that he met with the White family regarding access to their property located at the end of Westbrook Lane, and presented a letter agreement between the White family and the Bossier Sheriff's Department, which provides that the Sheriff's Department will provide them ingress and egress to their property. He stated that the White family has accepted the agreement and has no objection to the abandonment of Westbrook Lane. A member of the White family spoke, and stated that they are not opposed to abandoning Westbrook Lane. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the abandonment of Westbrook Lane, located off the Old Plain Dealing Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4285

AN ORDINANCE TO OFFIALLY ABANDON WESTBROOK LANE LOCATED OFF THE OLD PLAIN DEALING ROAD IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009, that it does hereby officially abandon Westbrook Lane located off the Old Plain Dealing Road in Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury hereby reserves all oil, gas and mineral rights.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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Mr. Julian Whittington, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department, requested that the request of the Sheriff's Department to name a new road constructed by the Law Enforcement District and located off the Old Plain Dealing Road, as Rifle Range Road, be withdrawn. The jury concurred.

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Woodlake South, Unit 12, located in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Bill Taylor, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that this is the last 14 lots that can be developed in Woodlake South, and advised that the proposal follows the original masterplan. Ms. Bennett advised that she has received calls regarding the ditches. Mr. Taylor stated that he is aware of this problem, and it will be corrected. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Woodlake South, Unit 12, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the amended plat of the proposed development of St. Charles Court, Unit No. 3, located in Sections 20 and 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Ford stated that the original plat was approved on 12/3/2008, but the unit was never developed. He stated that the developer has amended the plat to remove a portion of the original Unit 3, which is to be developed later as Unit 4.

Mr. Adam Powell, Raley & Associates, Inc., was present, and advised that the streets and utilities are in place. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Butler, to approve the amended plat of the proposed development of St. Charles Court, Unit No. 3, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the re-plat of Angelwood Village, located in

Section 8, Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Mr. Tom Hathorn, Hathorn Surveying, and Ms. Natalia Bracco, property owner, were present. Mr. Hathorn explained that Ms. Bracco owns all lots in the development and wants to remove Lots 33, 34 and Lot A, from the residential subdivision for future commercial use. He stated that there are no zoning regulations in this area, but the covenants for the subdivision stipulate residential use. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve the re-plat of Angelwood Village, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to schedule a public hearing on June 17, 2009, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cypress North Estates, Unit 1, located in Section 20, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Ford advised that the property is located on Crouch Road off Highway 162, and is not affected by the Crouch Road Widening Project.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to accept the recommendations of the Property Standards Board of Review, as follows:**

2669 Bellevue Road, Haughton, LA.

In compliance – condemnation proceedings dismissed

204 Robbin Lane, Princeton, LA

Condemned in accordance with property standards regulations

77 Princeton Lane South, Princeton, LA

Condemned in accordance with property standards regulations

113 Mildred Street, Benton, LA

Allow owner an additional 30 days in which to bring the property into compliance

710 Lawrence Drive, Haughton, LA

Allow owner an additional 14 days in which to bring the property into compliance

Property located on Highway 3 in Section 17, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish.

Condemnation hearing scheduled on June 3, 2009

**Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Richard Gunter, Property Standards Officer, was present, and recommended approval of the committee’s recommendations.

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Mr. Avery reported on a meeting of the Subdivision Regulations Committee, advising that several issues were discussed and there are no committee recommendations at this time. Mr. Ford stated that the use of solar streetlights was discussed, as well as bonding requirements for developers.

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Mr. Cochran, Chairman of the Juvenile Committee, reported that the committee has located a tract of land located off Highway 80 which may be suitable for location of a new juvenile detention center facility. He stated that Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, is reviewing the matter and a report will be presented to the jury at a later date.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt a resolution requesting the Governor, State Legislators and the Louisiana Board of Regents to fully fund the LSU AgCenter (LSUAC) at the 2008-2009 level of state appropriations due to the critical economic development and educational services they provide in all 64 Louisiana parishes. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Terri Foster, LSU AgCenter, stated that the LSU AgCenter could lose as much as \$19 million in State funding. She urged the jury’s support, advising that a reduction in funding of this magnitude will be detrimental.

RESOLUTION

TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT THE GOVERNOR, STATE LEGISLATORS AND THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS FULLY FUND THE LSU AGCENTER (LSUAC) AT THE 2008-2009 LEVEL OF STATE APPROPRIATIONS DUE TO THE CRITICAL ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES THEY PROVIDE IN ALL 64 LOUISIANA PARISHES

WHEREAS, agricultural research developed through the Experiment Stations, and the delivery of research through the Cooperative Extension Service is vital and necessary to provide the technology to help farmers and ranchers provide a high quality, safe and affordable food supply for Louisiana people, and

WHEREAS, agricultural research and cooperative extension outreach is vital and necessary to provide the technology to support agricultural production and development related jobs in Louisiana, an industry worth over \$30 Billion to the Louisiana economy, and

WHEREAS, the AgCenter’s 20 off-campus research stations provide core research support for Louisiana farmers and ranchers, and

WHEREAS, the AgCenter’s Cooperative Extension Service is a parish partner providing research-based information to farmers, ranchers and citizens throughout the state through 64 parish-based offices that are provided by local government, and

WHEREAS, over 130 local police juries, consolidated governments, school boards, district attorney’s and sheriffs in Louisiana are currently participating in and supporting cooperative agreements with the LSU AgCenter supporting Parish level programs, and

WHEREAS, the LSU AgCenter implements a very effective 4-H youth development program impacting over 225,000 children in all 64 parishes. This program is vital to the education and life skill development of Louisiana Youth, and

WHEREAS, the AgCenter’s family and consumer science programs provide critical information to families on nutrition, healthy lifestyles, financial management, and childhood development, and

WHEREAS, through this partnership, research-based information is developed and transferred through an effective system in every parish using grass roots advisory councils that identify local needs, based on citizen involvement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, in regular session convened, recommends full funding for the LSU AgCenter (LSUAC) at the July 1, 2008 funding level of state appropriations and encourages the Governor, State Legislators and the Louisiana Board of Regents to support and take action to meet the request outlined in this resolution.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to adopt an ordinance authorizing the Parish of Bossier to enter into a Local Services Agreement with the City of Bossier City in connection with the acquisition of property for the Bellevue Road Improvement Project, Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension Project, Sligo Road Widening, Rebouche Road Improvement, Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension North and South including the Traffic Street Widening Project, Texas Street Improvement Project (Highway 80), Hamilton Road Improvement Project with overpass over Union Pacific Railroad, Viking Drive Improvement, Airline Drive Underpass at KCS Crossing, Stockwell Road, Shed Road Widening Project, Swan Lake Widening Project, Old Minden Road Extension Project, and authorizing the Administrator to execute any documents in connection with said agreement. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4286

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PARISH OF BOSSIER TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF.

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Bossier and the City of Bossier City mutually benefit from the development of infrastructure which enhances existing businesses and encourages the development of new business entities in both the Parish of Bossier and the City of Bossier City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Bossier and the City of Bossier City have engaged in joint endeavors regarding the development of parks, industrial parks, research parks, juvenile detention facilities, jail operations, and street, highway or road projects, zoning master plans and a uniform development code of which benefits the citizens of Parish of Bossier and the City of Bossier City; and

**WHEREAS**, a Local Services Agreement between the Parish of Bossier and the City of Bossier City will facilitate intergovernmental functions to provide greater economy and efficiency in the operation of local services; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Parish of Bossier and the City of Bossier City will benefit from the elimination of traffic congestion caused by improvement in the flow of traffic through Bossier Parish and Bossier City as well as the economic development stimulated by road and street improvements in the following projects: Bellevue Road Improvement Project, Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension Project, Sligo Road Widening, Rebouche Road Improvement, Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension North and South including the Traffic Street Widening Project, Texas Street Improvement Project (Highway 80), Hamilton Road Improvement Project with overpass over Union Pacific Railroad, Viking Drive Improvement, Airline Drive Underpass at KCS Crossing, Stockwell Road, Shed Road Widening Project, Swan Lake Widening Project, Old Minden Road Extension Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Bossier Parish Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the PARISH OF BOSSIER and the CITY OF BOSSIER CITY are joining together to plan, finance, construct, acquire and/or improve public projects, servitudes, rights of way, easements, streets, highways and roads within the Parish of Bossier and the City of Bossier City; to operate and maintain such public projects or improvements necessary or incidental thereto and to avail themselves of the method of acquisition of public projects, servitudes, rights of way, easements, streets, highways and roads within the Parish of Bossier and/or City of Bossier City, specifically allowed in LSA-R.S. 33:1329, all for and on behalf of the residents of the Parish of Bossier and the City of Bossier City.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the Parish of Bossier and/or the City of Bossier City shall have the right individually or jointly to acquire property pursuant to LSA-R.S. 33:1329 in furtherance of the development of the following joint projects: Bellevue Road Improvement Project, Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension Project, Sligo Road Widening, Rebouche Road Improvement, Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension North and South including the Traffic Street Widening Project, Texas Street Improvement Project (Highway 80), Hamilton Road Improvement Project with overpass over Union Pacific Railroad, Viking Drive Improvement, Airline Drive Underpass at KCS Crossing, Stockwell Road, Shed Road Widening Project, Swan Lake Widening Project, Old Minden Road Extension Project, being joint projects of both entities.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, is authorized to sign the Local Services Agreement containing the provisions set forth herein between the PARISH OF BOSSIER and the CITY OF BOSSIER CITY.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the Parish of Bossier authorizes the Parish Attorney to take whatever action necessary in furtherance of the joint project set forth herein.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Darby, to table the matter of considering approval of Plan Change No. 6 on the Cyber Innovation Center Building. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Butler, to approve Plan Change No. 3 on the Cyber Innovation Center Plant Mechanical & Electrical Equipment Package subject to the concurrence and approval of the Louisiana Economic Development Department, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 3 on the Cyber Innovation Center Plant Mechanical and Electrical Equipment Package, subject to the concurrence and approval of the Louisiana Economic Development Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 3.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Butler. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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Mr. Altimus discussed the proposed renewal of the current contract with Mr. Bruce Easterly, Beast Engineering, LLC, for engineering services for the police jury. He stated that Mr. Easterly served as construction manager for the courthouse renovation project, and is now working to provide engineering services for various police jury projects. Mr. Altimus stated that Mr. Easterly's experience and expertise has been a tremendous asset and recommended approval of the contract. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the renewal of the contract with Beast Engineering, LLC, for engineering services for various Bossier Parish Police Jury projects. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to accept a settlement agreement with Southern United Insurance in the amount of \$10,000 in connection with a motor vehicle accident involving a parish dump truck, and to authorize Mr. Altimus to execute documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish Engineer to execute any and all documents in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way on Vickers Road. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009, that it does hereby authorize Joe E. Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer, to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with the acquisition of right-of-way on Vickers Road.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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Mr. Ford reported that he has obtained a cost proposal for a survey and drainage work needed on Sistrunk Lane located in the Bayou Pointe Subdivision in the total amount of \$10,000. He requested authority to hire an engineering firm up to a total cost amount of \$10,000 to proceed with work needed to correct a drainage problem at this location. **Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Butler, to authorize Mr. Ford to proceed with the hiring of an engineering firm at a cost of up to \$10,000 for drainage repairs on Sistrunk Lane in the Bayou Pointe Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Altimus stated that he has been advised that the PAL Certification Agreement with FEMA in regard to the certification of levees in the parish will expire on June 18. He stated that the Corps of Engineers should have the necessary reports completed shortly.

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Mr. Altimus advised that a Dedication Ceremony for the Freedom Shrine in the courthouse will be held at 10:30 a.m., on May 22, 2009, in the police jury meeting room.

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Mr. Altimus stated that a meeting on State oil and gas regulations is scheduled at 6:00 p.m., on May 21, 2009, at the Louisiana State Museum auditorium in Shreveport. Mr. Altimus advised that Caddo, Bossier Parish and the City of Bossier City are working together to submit comments in a letter to the State regarding the statewide order for the Haynesville Shale. He stated that anyone who wishes to add comments should do so in order for them to be included in the letter to the State.

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Mr. Ford reported on a meeting regarding the East/West Corridor Project, advising that preferred routes were discussed. He stated that the proposed route which runs north of the North Bossier Park is favored.

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Mr. Ford reported that he has been advised of flooding problems parishwide. He advised that he has requested pictures of the problem areas, and stated that significant work will be required to resolve these issues.

Mr. Johnston stated that he has been advised of flooding problems in the Creekside Subdivision.

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Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, reported that the Oliver Road bridge will be closed shortly for replacement. He stated that the bridge is a two-span bridge and will be rebuilt.

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Mr. Andrews advised of a request from the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District for two loads of gravel on the parking lot at the boat launch on Highway 162. He stated that it is also requested that the parking lot be graded and a small ditch be cleaned out. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the request of the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District for assistance at the boat launch on Highway 162, as requested, with the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District paying all fuel and material costs. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Andrews presented photographs of several road projects in the parish.

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Mr. Plummer referred to drainage problems in the parish and advised that he will assist Mr. Ford in obtaining pictures of the problem areas.

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Mr. Butler suggested that 50% of new royalty funds received from oil and gas production in the parish be dedicated to roads and the remaining 50% be dedicated to the creation of a natural gas compression program. A video on natural gas compression was presented.

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Finance Committee Report - May 20, 2009 – 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on the 20th day of May, 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. Avery, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to authorize payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$2,557.64 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of April, 2009, as follows:**

Ark La Tex Power Cleaning	\$ 250.00
Raka General Sheet Metal	\$ 417.53
Home Depot Credit Services	\$ 399.44
Swan Lake Hardware, LLC	\$ 12.98
Tubbs Hardware & Rental	\$ 55.84
Neil Erwin Law, LLC	\$1,421.85

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

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, that Mr. Avery will contribute \$1,700 from discretionary funds, Mr. Cummings will contribute \$500 from discretionary funds and Mr. Cochran will contribute \$1,000 from discretionary funds, for a total of up to \$3,200 to Airline High School for expansion of the bleachers at the softball facility. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Hammack, that Mr. Cochran and Mr. Cummings will contribute \$1,000 each from matching discretionary funds, Mr. Altimus will contribute \$1,000 from discretionary funds, and Mr. Plummer and Mr. Hammack will contribute \$500 each from discretionary funds to Bossier High School for new uniforms for the baseball program. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to amend the agenda to discuss the Juvenile Detention Center. 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**

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Mr. Cochran, Chairman of the Juvenile Committee, reported that after looking at several potential tracts of land, it has been determined that a 15- acre tract located off Highway 80 may be suitable for location of a new juvenile detention center facility. He stated that water and sewer service are available and recommended that the Parish Attorney be authorized to pursue a purchase option on the property. Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, is to review this matter report his findings to the jury at a later date.

Ms. Bennett reported that Mr. Dickie Walden has contacted her regarding a possible site, but stated that it appears the property is not suitable for location of a juvenile detention center.

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The Finance Committee 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009, **motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Avery, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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