

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
July 21, 2010

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Ms. Wanda Bennett, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Wayne Hammack and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Winfred Johnston. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Cindy Dodson, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. William Altimus	Mr. Brad Cummings
Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Jerome Darby
Ms. Wanda Bennett	Mr. Wayne Hammack
Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Winfred Johnston
Mr. Barry Butler	Mr. Hank Meachum
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Mac Plummer

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Others present were Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Cindy Dodson, Parish Secretary.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Avery, to adopt the minutes of the June 2, 2010, and June 16, 2010, regular meetings, and the June 16, 2010, Finance Committee meeting, as published.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Ginger Adam, Lobbyist, presented a final report on the 2010 Regular Legislative Session. Representative Jane Smith and Representative Henry Burns were also present, as well as Mr. Ray Lasseigne, Bossier Parish Levee District.

Ms. Adam reported that Bossier Parish received an additional \$13 million in Priority 5 Capital Outlay funds for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, and advised that this is the largest allocation from the Governor's Office in House Bill 2. She stated that funds were also allocated to the Bossier Levee District.

Ms. Adam discussed House Bill 618, which requires payment of monies owed the parish governing authority by certain tax recipient bodies relative to the expenses of the assessor and sheriff, and authorizes the retention of tax revenues to satisfy such obligation.

Ms. Adam advised that House Bill 771 provides for additional public notice requirements related to proposed increases in ad valorem tax millage rates without voter approval.

Ms. Adam discussed House Bill 1307 which requires a public comment period for each item on a public body's meeting agenda prior to vote on the item, advising that the effective date of this Act is August 15, 2010.

Ms. Adam reported that Mr. Altimus has been appointed to the Commission of Intergovernmental Relations and will serve with Representative Smith. She stated that the commission will be studying sales tax laws across the country, and will make a recommendation to the legislature in 2011.

After further discussion of various other legislative items, members of the jury thanked Ms. Adam for her report, and commended her for her efforts in Baton Rouge. Jurors also thanked Representative Burns, Representative Smith, Senator Shaw and other members of the legislative delegation for their continued support of Bossier Parish.

Representative Smith and Representative Burns expressed appreciation to Ms. Adam for her work in Baton Rouge. Representative Smith stated that Governor Jindal and his staff have been a huge support for northwest Louisiana and expressed her appreciation to Governor Jindal. Representative Burns stated that Bossier Parish is the fastest growing parish north of Alexandria, and advised that Governor Jindal is aware of the tremendous growth in this area.

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Mr. Delbert Terry, Bossier Parish Library Director, requested that the police jury ratify approval of the purchase of a 1.5 acre tract of land on Highway 527 for construction of a new branch library at Koran approximately 1/4 mile from the existing facility. Mr. Terry advised that the proposed facility is approximately 3,000 square feet and stated that Prevot Design Service has been employed to provide the design work. He stated that the purchase of the land and construction of the new facility will be completed at no additional cost to taxpayers. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Darby, to ratify approval of the purchase of a 1.5 acre tract of land on Highway 527 by the Bossier Parish Library System, for location of a new Koran branch library.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Meachum stated that during the recent NACo Convention, he learned that libraries are now providing services to the public to assist with employment. Mr. Terry stated that as part of a stimulus grant, libraries will provide laptops for the public and various educational programs. He advised that many programs are offered online which provide sample tests to help prepare for various types of testing, and also provides information on resume preparation.

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Mr. Russell Semon, Human Service District, and Ms. Mary Ann Shaw, were present to discuss the creation of the Human Service District in Northwest Louisiana. Ms. Shaw stated that she is an advocate for those with mental health disabilities, and advised that the Department of Health and Hospitals offers assistance in addressing the needs of those with substance abuse, mental health and developmental disabilities.

Mr. Russell Semon, Human Service District, discussed the creation of a Human Service District, advising that for districts created pursuant to R.S. 28:912(B)(2), each district is to be governed by a board whose membership consists of residents of the respective region. He stated that the number of members on the board shall consist of one representative from each parish in the region who is appointed by the local governing authority. Mr. Semon stated that three of the board members are to be appointed by the Governor and advised that the local governing authority

may submit three names to the Governor for consideration as one of the Governor's appointees.

Mr. Semon advised that the Department of Health and Hospitals' Bureau of Legal Services has issued an opinion stating that the police jury has no legal liability in connection with the Human Service District as it is considered a separate legal entity, and stated that there is no cost to the police jury. Mr. Semon requested that the police jury send a letter of intention to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals supporting the development of the Human Service District in Northwest Louisiana and advising of its intention to begin the process of selecting and recommending individuals for appointment to the governing board of the Human Service District in Northwest Louisiana. The matter is to be considered at the August 4, 2010, regular meeting.

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Mr. Tom Lawson, 688 W. Lakeshore Drive, Benton, LA, advised of a drainage problem on his property. He stated that neighbors are blocking a 30" culvert in front of his property which is causing excess water to be diverted onto his property. Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that this is an ongoing problem and advised that the base flood elevation at this location is below the road and below the bottom of the ditches. Mr. Ford recommended that a drainage easement be obtained to divert the excess water, but advised that he has been unable to obtain the consent of all landowners. He stated that if there is a proven public need, the parish could legally obtain the needed easement, but advised that there is no excess drainage on the neighbor's property.

Mr. Ford stated that driveway culverts in this location are not the correct size and it is the homeowner's responsibility to replace them. He advised that replacing the existing culverts with larger culverts may resolve some of the drainage issues in this area.

Mr. Jimmy Hall, legal counsel, recommended that the parish remove any items in the parish right-of-way at this location, and advised Mr. Lawson that any issues he may have with neighbors regarding the obstruction of drainage on his property is a civil matter. The jury concurred.

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Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, recommended that the low bid of ASB Utility Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$151,355, be accepted for the Arthur Ray Teague Utilities-Bossier Parish Project No. 2010-264. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to award the bid for the Arthur Ray Teague Utilities-Bossier Parish Project No. 2010-264, to ASB Utility Construction, LLC, low bidder meeting bid specifications.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Bids were received on July 14, 2010, and results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Yor-Wic Construction Company, Inc.	\$244,446.00
Jabar Corporation	\$215,147.69
JPD Construction, LLC	\$297,240.00
Trenchless Methods, Inc.	\$216,789.00
Wicker Construction, Inc.	\$202,613.00
ASB Utility Construction, LLC	\$151,355.00
Pully Construction, Inc.	\$261,177.00
Crocker Construction, LLC	\$181,343.00

Mr. Ford stated that negotiations between the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Grayson Trust and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries regarding the purchase of property for the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Extension should be complete by the August 4, 2010, regular meeting.

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Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, recommended that the low bid of Best Yet Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$224,353.55, be accepted for the in-place cement stabilized base course and asphaltic concrete wearing course improvements of approximately 1.121 miles of Poole Road, Project No. 2010-244, in accordance with bids received on July 14, 2010. **Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to award the bid for the in-place cement stabilized base course and asphaltic concrete wearing course improvements of approximately 1.121 miles of Poole Road, Project No. 2010-244, to Best Yet Builders, LLC, low bidder meeting bid specifications.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Bids were received on July 14, 2010, and results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Benton & Brown, LLC	\$234,329.47
Blount Bros. Construction, Inc.	\$268,697.66
Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service, Inc.	\$234,396.21
Best Yet Builders, LLC	\$224,353.55

Mr. Ford advised that FEMA will be paying 75% of the costs associated with this project.

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Turtle Creek Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Ms. Michan Holbrook, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that the proposed subdivision consists of 41 lots, and advised that site-built homes with a minimum 1,700 square feet are planned. She stated that a storm water prevention plan has been submitted to the engineering department. Ms. Holbrook advised that the water will be provided by CBB Water System and sewerage service will be provided by Eagle Water. She stated that the subdivision will have curb and gutter streets. Mr. Ford stated that he has reviewed the proposal and recommended approval. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Turtle Creek Subdivision, Unit No. 1, as presented.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to schedule a public hearing on September 1, 2010, to consider approval of the application of MP11/PieWorks to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a Conditional Use Approval at a B-3 location, 5000 Benton Road, Suite 10, Bossier Parish, LA, for on-premise consumption of low and high content alcohol at a proposed restaurant.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Richard Gunter, Property Standards Officer, advised that following an inspection of property at 403 Princeton Road, Princeton, LA, it is recommended that the property be condemned. He stated that the owner was given 30 days on May 5, 2010, during which he was to erect a privacy fence on his property, but has failed to do so. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to proceed with the condemnation of property at 403 Princeton Road, Princeton, LA, in accordance with property standards regulations.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the reappointment of Ms. Eddie M. Scott, Ms. Joy Rhodes and Mr. Gary Lyles to the Bossier Parish Fire District No. 7 Board of Commissioners for two-year terms each, terms to expire July 31, 2012.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to ratify and accept the recommendation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Board of Appeals to uphold the findings of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Officer, and deny the request of T-M Well Service, for dismissal of fines and charges filed on Report No. 41, issued by the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Officer on March 24, 2010.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Benton, to ratify and accept the recommendation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Board of Appeals to uphold the findings of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Officer, and deny the request of Swanberg USA, for dismissal of fines and charges filed on Report No. 52, issued by the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Officer on April 29, 2010.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Butch Ford, Parish Engineer, discussed a request from the Department of Transportation and Development for the parish to sleeve and extend the pipe beneath the Ivan Lake dam. He stated that after further review of the matter, the Department of Transportation and Development has advised that the pipe will need to be replaced. Mr. Ford requested approval of funds in the amount of \$250,000 from the Parks and Recreation Fund to replace and extend the pipe beneath the Ivan Lake dam. Mr. Altimus advised that recent funding received from the leasing of oil and gas minerals has been placed in the Parks and Recreation Fund. Mr. Ford stated that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries are each providing funds for improvements at Ivan Lake. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Butler, to approve an expenditure of \$250,000 from the Parks and Recreation Fund for the replacement and extension of the pipe located beneath the Ivan Lake dam.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Benton requested that discussion of the cost estimate for outdoor lighting at the Tall Timbers Park walking trail be tabled for consideration at the August 4, 2010, regular meeting. The jury concurred.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Forest Hills Subdivision Concrete Ditch Improvements Project No. 2010-243, and to authorize the President to execute documents.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Forest Hills Subdivision Concrete Ditch Improvements Project No. 2010-243.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wanda Bennett, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 1.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to amend Ordinance No. 4344 of July 7, 2010, which accepted the streets and drainage in The Crossing, Unit No. 1, into the parish road system, to change the subdivision name to read The Crossing at Wemple, Unit No. 1.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4345

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4344 OF JULY 7, 2010, WHICH ACCEPTED THE STREETS AND DRAINAGE IN THE CROSSING, UNIT NO. 1, INTO THE PARISH ROAD SYSTEM, TO CHANGE THE SUBDIVISION NAME TO READ THE CROSSING AT WEMPLE, UNIT NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 21st day of July, 2010, has received a request from H & H Contracting Co., Inc. that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance the streets and drainage in The Crossing at Wemple, Unit No. 1, Bossier Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the said streets and drainage have been completed in accordance with the specifications of the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, a two-year maintenance bond has been executed in favor of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to guarantee against failure of said streets and drainage as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 110, Section 110-201 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinance.

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of H & H Contracting Co., Inc., including labor and materials, for the above captioned streets and drainage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish maintenance system for continuous maintenance, streets and drainage located in The Crossing at Wemple, Unit No. 1, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this ordinance be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, together with the maintenance bond.

The Ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010.

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Mr. Altimus reported that a joint public meeting with the Caddo Parish Commission is scheduled on August 2, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., at Government Chambers, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, LA, to discuss the proposed noise ordinance. He encouraged jurors to attend the meeting.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery, to amend the agenda to consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Parish Administrator to execute closing documents in connection with the sale of land in the Commerce Industrial Park to Quality Land & Investments, LLC.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the 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. Cochran, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish Administrator to execute closing documents in connection with the sale of land in the Commerce Industrial Park to Quality Land & Investments, LLC.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010, that it does hereby authorize and approve the sale of property described as Lot 3, Commerce Industrial Park, Unit No. 2, a subdivision of Bossier Parish, to Quality Land & Investments, LLC, and does authorize William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents in connection with the closing of said sale.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of July, 2010.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Avery, to amend the agenda to consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing the purchase and transfer of property in connection with the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Southerly Extension to U. S. Highway 71 located in Bossier Parish, LA, and authorizing the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the 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. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt a resolution authorizing and approving the purchase and transfer of property as required in connection with the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Southerly Extension to U. S. Highway 71 located in Bossier Parish, LA, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents in connection with the purchase and transfer of property for said project.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010, that it does hereby authorize and approve the purchase and transfer of property as required in connection with the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Southerly Extension to U. S. Highway 71 located in Bossier Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents in connection with the purchase and transfer of property for said project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of July, 2010.

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Mr. Ford reported that as a result of the 2009 flood event, a pile beneath the Poole Road bridge was broken by debris. He stated that due to the broken pile, the bridge was closed for a short time. Mr. Ford advised that the pile was replaced and the Poole Road bridge is now open and posted with a three-ton load limit.

Mr. Ford advised that Petrohawk has offered to replace the Poole Road bridge, and advised that he is currently working on an agreement with Petrohawk. Mr. Ford stated that design work for the project needs to begin and requested approval of funds in the amount of \$225,000 to move forward. He further stated that repair is needed on a small road at the end of Poole Road and advised that soil cement is recommended.

**Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve funds in the amount of \$225,000 to begin design work for the Poole Road bridge replacement project, and to provide soil cement on a small road at the end of Poole Road.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Ford reported on a meeting with Mr. Ted DeBaene, Owen & White, Inc., regarding a proposed commercial development on Caplis Sligo Road. He stated that a meeting will be scheduled within the next thirty days with Mr. DeBaene to discuss several other projects. Mr. Ford reported that the following issues will be reviewed; Lucky Estates drainage study, Forest Hills Drainage/Eastwood Merrywoods Statewide Flood Control Project, Autumn Creek/Oden Lateral Study, Willow Chute Bayou and Benoist Bayou threshold maps, and the establishment of base flood elevations in south Bossier Parish.

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. DeBaene indicated that oil/gas operations should be included in the parish's no adverse impact ordinance, advising that the current ordinance does not contain provisions for oil/gas operations.

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Mr. Ford reported on a meeting with representatives of Red Chute Utilities and advised that an option agreement has been executed for the purchase of Red Chute Utilities for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1.

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Mr. Ford stated that he has spoken with representatives of the Bossier Parish School Board regarding requested improvements to Old Highway 71 in front of Elm Grove Elementary School, and advised that a meeting has been scheduled to further discuss this matter

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Mr. Meachum requested an update on the spillway issue regarding the diversion of water from Red Chute Bayou away from the Cane Bend Subdivision. Mr. Ford stated that confirmation has been received that Barksdale Air Force Base will allow the police jury to enter its property to perform work on the spillway. He stated that he will submit a cost proposal at the August 4, 2010, regular meeting for approval.

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Mr. Ford advised that right-of-way plats have been received for the proposed improvements to the Poole Road railroad crossing.

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Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, reported that the parking lot at the North Bossier Park is complete. He presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish.

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Mr. Ford advised that as part of the agreement with Quality Land & Investments, LLC, for the purchase of property in the Commerce Industrial Park, the police jury has agreed to build a road into the property. He stated that the proposed road will run in front of property owned by Doerle Foods, and then 200' into the property purchased by Quality Land & Investments, LLC. He advised that the police jury will be handling the bid process for this road project and an item will be placed on the August 4, 2010, regular meeting agenda to authorize the advertising for bids.

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Mr. Benton reported on a meeting of the Lake Bistineau Task Force. He advised that the gates on Lake Bistineau were closed on July 14, 2010, in order to monitor the water level in connection with continued efforts to fight salvinia growth in the lake. He stated that thinning of the trees on Lake Bistineau is recommended with the

parishes of Bossier, Bienville and Webster being asked to participate in the cost of the project. He further stated that the three parishes may be able to offer their assistance with hauling the trees off and/or chipping the trees. Mr. Benton stated that the construction of boat ramps on Lake Bistineau is being considered, and advised that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will be participating in 75% of the cost. Mr. Benton advised that Mr. Billy Montgomery has been elected as Chairman and Mr. Steve Ramsey has been elected as Vice Chairman of the Lake Bistineau Task Force. He stated that Trailblazer is currently working on a grant for a study of the lake and advised that the parishes of Bossier, Webster and Bienville, along with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, are working to rid Lake Bistineau of salvinia and bring the lake up to standards.

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Mr. Cummings reported on his attendance at the Annual NACo Conference recently held in Reno, NV, advising that NACo is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He stated that the economy was a main topic of discussion during the convention.

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Mr. Jimmy Hall, Bossier City Attorney, acting as legal counsel in the absence of Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, advised that a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new tennis facilities at the North Bossier Park is scheduled on July 30, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., at the park.

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Finance Committee Meeting – July 21, 2010, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 21st day of July, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with all members present.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$1,472.70 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of June, 2010, as follows:**

Louisiana Key & Lock Service	\$ (68.00)
Emergency Power Systems	\$ 100.00
Bobby Brannon Heating & Air Conditioning	\$1,046.90
Office of State Fire Marshal	\$ 40.00
R E Michel Company, Inc.	\$ 177.00
Storer Equipment Sales	\$ (69.98)
Area Wide	\$ 240.00
Swan Lake Hardware, LLC	\$ 6.78

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Altimus stated that he has asked Mr. Kenny Loftin to be present at either the August 4<sup>th</sup> or August 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to provide an update on the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter. He reported that the state has renewed its one-year contract with the youth shelter for funding in the amount of \$46,000 per month, and advised that the contract is effective through June, 2011.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of June, 2010.**

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, that Mr. Plummer and Mr. Hammack will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,382.45 each, and Mr. Meachum and Mr. Butler will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,000 each, for a total of \$4,764.90, to Elm Grove Elementary School for the purchase of Mimio systems (smart boards).**

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Cummings, that Ms. Bennett, Mr. Butler and Mr. Cochran will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,000 each, and Mr. Johnston will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$500, for a total of \$3,500, to Plain Dealing High School for the purchase of computers.**

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve the transfer of funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 Fund, as recommended by Travis Morehart, CPA, for better monitoring of sewer district expenditures.**

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

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Mr. Avery advised of a request from Airline High School for assistance in purchasing a utility vehicle to be used on campus for the custodial staff. Mr. Butler recommended that the police jury surplus one of the mules purchased during the flooding event and donate it to Airline High School. This matter is to be considered at the August 18, 2010, finance meeting.

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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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:00 p.m.

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