

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES
July 20, 2011

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 20th day of July, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Rick Avery, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Wayne Hammack and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Jimmy Cochran. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Cindy Dodson, called the roll, with the following members present:

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.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adopt the minutes of the June 1, 2011, and June 15, 2011, regular meetings, and the June 15, 2011, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to adopt resolutions of appreciation to the Louisiana Army National Guard for their assistance in providing earth work for the construction of baseball fields at the Lawson Bo Brandon Sports Complex, formerly known as the Princeton Sports Complex.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Avery presented the following resolution to Colonel Conley with the 844th Engineer Company of the 527th Engineer Battalion (Ruston) and to members of the Louisiana National Guard who were present. Mr. Benton expressed appreciation to the Louisiana National Guard for their work on the levees in Bossier Parish and their service to our country. Colonel Conley thanked the jury for allowing them to give back to the community while being able to train soldiers.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana National Guard has a long, proud history of protecting and serving the State of Louisiana, the country, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana National Guard has assisted the Parish of Bossier in providing earth work necessary for the construction of ball fields at the Princeton Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury and the citizens of Bossier Parish are sincerely grateful for the assistance provided by the Louisiana National Guard as the Princeton Sports Complex is a tremendous asset to the youth of our parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 20th day of July, 2011, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby express its sincere appreciation to the 844th Engineer Company of the 527th Engineer Battalion (Ruston) for their assistance in earth work at the Princeton Sports Complex located in Haughton, LA, for the building of baseball fields.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Meachum. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of July, 2011.

CINDY DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana National Guard has a long, proud history of protecting and serving the State of Louisiana, the country, and the world; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 20th day of July, 2011, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby express its sincere appreciation to the 843rd Engineer Company of the 205th Engineer Battalion (Bogalusa) for their assistance in earth work at the Princeton Sports Complex located in Haughton, LA, for the building of baseball fields.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Meachum. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of July, 2011.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 20th day of July, 2011, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby express its sincere appreciation to the 921st Engineer Company of the 528th Engineer Battalion (Monroe) for their assistance in earth work at the Princeton Sports Complex located in Haughton, LA, for the building of baseball fields.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Meachum. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of July, 2011.

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Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that bids received for the Palmetto Park Drainage Improvements Project are over budget due to the complexity of the project. He recommended that the low bid of Fessler & Bowman, Inc., in the amount of \$51,520.76, be accepted for the Palmetto Park Drainage Improvements Project No. 2011-321. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Butler, to award the bid for the Palmetto Park Drainage Improvements Project No. 2011-321, to Fessler & Bowman, Inc., low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on July 12, 2011.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Douglas Construction & Remodeling, Inc.	\$62,664.20
Fessler & Bowman, Inc.	\$51,520.76

Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that bids received for the Cypress Forest Drainage Improvements Project are also over budget, and recommended that the low bid of Shiloh Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$114,149.00, be accepted. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton, to award the bid for the Cypress Forest Drainage Improvements Project No. 2011-329, to Shiloh Contractors, Inc., low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on July 12, 2011.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Shiloh Contractors, Inc.	\$114,149.00
Fessler & Bowman, Inc.	\$148,263.16

Motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to schedule a public hearing on August 3, 2011, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Chateau LeMoin'e Subdivision, located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to schedule a public hearing on August 3, 2011, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Olde Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. VIII-A, being a resubdivision of Lots 19, 20 and 21 of Olde Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. VIII, located in Section 23, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Butler, to schedule a public hearing on August 3, 2011, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Old River Place Subdivision, Unit No. 5, being a resubdivision of a portion of Lots 31, 32 and a portion of Lot 33, Old River Place Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 22, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Mr. Heath Lyles, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of property located at 179 Teague Drive, Elm Grove, LA, and advised that the owner is working to bring the property in compliance. Ms. Michelle Edwards, property owner, was present, and advised that they are working to clean up the property. Mr. Meachum stated that as long as the Edwards continue to make improvements on the property, he is in favor of allowing them additional time to complete the work.

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to allow the owners of property at 179 Teague Drive, Elm Grove, LA, an additional 30 days in which to bring their property into compliance with property standards regulations.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** The matter will be reviewed at the September 7, 2011, regular meeting.

Mr. Heath Lyles, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of property located at 723 Cindy Lane, Haughton, LA, and advised that there has been no change in the condition of this property. He recommended that the property be condemned. Mr. Lyles stated that the property does provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes, snakes, rats and other vermin, and presents an imminent threat to the public health and safety.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to proceed with the condemnation of property at 723 Cindy Lane, Haughton, LA, in accordance with property standards regulations.

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

Mr. Heath Lyles, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of property located at 702 Cindy Lane, Haughton, LA, and advised that there has been little change in the condition of this property.

Mr. Barron Early addressed the jury and advised that he currently rents the property. He stated that he was not aware of the condemnation proceedings until this morning, and advised that he is willing to make the needed improvements. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to allow the owner/renter of property at 702 Cindy Lane, Haughton, LA, an additional 30 days in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** The matter will be reviewed at the September 7, 2011, regular meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Butler, to accept the streets and drainage in Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 14, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4403

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 20th day of July, 2011, has received a request from Logan Land Development, LLC, that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 14, 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 Logan Land Development, LLC, 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 Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 14, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

Dogwood South – 0.266 mile

Lauren Circle – 0.040 mile

Hannah Circle – 0.035 mile

Oscar Circle – 0.029 mile

Wood Springs – 0.112 mile

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. Benton, seconded by Mr. Butler. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of July, 2011.

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PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Paul Rossini, NTB Associates, Inc., requested that the jury consider approval of an amendment to the professional services contract on the Bellevue Road Improvements Project. He advised that redesign of the intersection of Tall Pines and Bellevue Road is required due to a cemetery at this location. Mr. Rossini further stated that in the relocation of a gas line from the east to the west side of the road, the line was mistakenly placed in the existing right-of-way instead of in the new road right-of-way. He stated that three drainage servitudes were created.

Mr. Rossini stated that the total additional cost for the proposed amendment is \$14,510.94. Mr. Ford stated that this additional expense is within the project budget and recommended approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Butler, to approve Amendment No. 7 to the professional services contract with NTB Associates, Inc., on the Bellevue Road Improvements Project in the amount of \$14,510.94, and to authorize the Parish Administrator 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 20th day of July, 2011, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Amendment No. 7 to the professional services contract with NTB Associates, Inc., on the Bellevue Road Improvements Project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Butler. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of July, 2011.

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Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 1 on the Sweetwater Oaks Subdivision Concrete Street Repairs Project No. 2011-292, and advised that this plan change results in an additional amount of \$3,881.80. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Sweetwater Oaks Subdivision Concrete Street Repairs Project No. 2011-292, 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 20th day of July, 2011, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Sweetwater Oaks Subdivision Concrete Street Repairs Project No. 2011-292.

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

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of July, 2011.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, 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. K. Stanley, Inc., for dismissal of fines and charges filed on Report No. 207 issued by the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Officer on April 30, 2011.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Butler, 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 Greer Timber Company d/b/a K & J Contractors, for dismissal of fines and charges filed on Report No. 218 issued by the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Officer on May 12, 2011.

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

Mr. Nguyen Kha, Assistant Parish Engineer, presented the Bossier Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, stating that FEMA requires that the plan be updated every five years. He stated that grant funds were received from GOHSEP to complete the required update.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to adopt a resolution officially adopting the Bossier Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PARISHWIDE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury has received grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), for the update of a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP); and

WHEREAS, our community has participated in the process to update a Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) compliant HMP based on the FEMA guidance available in the How To Guides; and

WHEREAS, our community wishes to participate in the HMP Update prepared by the Bossier Parish government under the oversight of a Steering Committee comprised of parishwide representatives; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish, and local representatives and governments have participated in the mitigation planning process; and

WHEREAS, appropriate opportunity for input by public and community officials has been provided through press releases, open meetings and availability of draft documents; and

WHEREAS, the updated plan has been recommended for adoption by the Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the updated plan is required prior to further consideration for FEMA funding under the following programs:

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Altimus. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of July, 2011.

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Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to accept the proposal of Denmon Engineering Company, Inc., in the amount of \$30,000 for evaluation of existing sewer systems for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Bruce Easterly advised that this is Phase II of the sewer project. Ms. Laura Adley asked if the water system in Houghton is included in this Phase. Mr. Easterly advised that the Houghton system was addressed in Phase I of the project, and advised that all water systems have been acquired except the water system owned by Mr. Logan.

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 20th day of July, 2011, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a proposal with Denmon Engineering Company, Inc., for evaluation of existing sewer systems for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of July, 2011.

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Mr. Altimus advised that he and Mr. Easterly will be attending the State Bond Commission meeting tomorrow in Baton Rouge regarding the \$6.5 million for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, Parish of Bossier.

Jurors were provided a copy of district reports from the highway department. Mr. Altimus advised that \$1 million in contract and highway work was completed last month.

Motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to schedule a public hearing on August 3, 2011, to consider approval of the site plan for the proposed St. Jude Catholic Church Campus, located in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Butler, to amend the agenda to consider a request from Centerpoint Energy to participate in the cost of the relocation of a gas line and gas meters on Roland Lane for the Bellevue Road Improvements Project.

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

Mr. Ford reported that at the July 6, 2011, regular meeting, the jury accepted 200 feet of Roland Lane into the parish road system as this section of roadway is necessary for the Bellevue Road Improvements Project. He stated that Centerpoint Energy was requested to move gas meters further down Roland Lane out of the construction area at the intersection of Roland Lane and Bellevue Road. Mr. Ford stated that Centerpoint Energy is requesting that the police jury assist in the cost of the relocation of the gas line and gas meters and advised that the total cost to run a two inch gas line and place a meter at each home on Roland Lane is \$7,800. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Butler, to approve the request of Centerpoint Energy for the police jury's assistance in the cost of relocating a gas line and gas meters on Roland Lane for the Bellevue Road Improvements Project.**

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

Mr. Ford reported that Denmon Engineering has submitted two proposed routes for the Sligo Road Extension Project.

Mr. Ford stated that there are changes in the plans regarding the extension of the westbound right turn lane on Sligo Road, advising that the purchase of right-of-way and the relocation of utilities are required for this project. He advised that DOTD has requested that the parish remove the raised concrete island at the access connection at Golden Meadows Subdivision and extend the storage capacity of the westbound right turn lane. Mr. Ford stated that this project will not begin until the summer of 2012.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the Eastwood/Merrywood Statewide Flood Control Project, advising that the design plan is almost complete and meetings with the landowners will be held in the next two weeks.

Mr. Ford provided an updated on Gary Rex Circle improvements.

Mr. Avery requested an update on the construction of a turning lane on the southwest corner of Airline Drive and Wemple Road. Mr. Ford stated that it has not yet been determined whether the parish will handle the construction in-house, advising that the project should be ready for construction within the next 30 days.

Mr. Ford reported that the cost for right-of-way on Wemple Road has increased significantly.

Mr. Ford advised of a delay in the Sweetwater Oaks Subdivision Concrete Street Repairs Project due to several problems.

Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish. He stated that 13.5 miles of the 2011 Road Overlay Program are now complete.

Mr. Butler advised that a meeting of the Capital Improvements/Building & Grounds Committee will be held immediately following the police jury meeting to discuss the matter of additional vending machines in the courthouse.

Ms. Bennett reported that Louisiana has been named "State of the Year" for the third straight year.

Mr. Johnston requested an update on the Ivan Lake dam project. Mr. Altimus stated that he will contact the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Corps of Engineers regarding the completion of this project.

Mr. Altimus reported that students of Bossier High School won first place at the 3rd Annual Cyber Forensics Camp held at Northwestern State University in July.

Mr. Jackson presented closing documents in connection with the purchase of property from The Grayson Foundation, Inc., for the Sligo Road Extension project, to be executed by Mr. Altimus.

Mr. Jackson requested that resolutions of appreciation be adopted for Congressman John Fleming and Secretary Scott Angelle, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, for their support in moving the Sligo Road Extension project forward. **Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Benton, to adopt resolutions of appreciation for Congressman John Fleming and Secretary Scott Angelle, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, for their support in moving the Sligo Road Extension project forward.**

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Congressman John Fleming represents District 4 in the United States Congress, which encompasses Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Fleming has provided tremendous support and assistance to the Bossier Parish Police Jury and to the citizens of Bossier Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 20th day of July, 2011, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Congressman Fleming for his efforts in moving the Sligo Road Extension project in Bossier Parish forward.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of July, 2011.

CINDY DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Secretary Scott Angelle, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, represents the State of Louisiana in preserving and enhancing the nonrenewable natural resources of the state, consisting of land, water, oil, gas, and other minerals, through conservation, regulation, management and development to ensure that the state of Louisiana realizes appropriate economic benefit from its asset base; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Angelle has provided tremendous support to the Bossier Parish Police Jury and to the citizens of Bossier Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 20th day of July, 2011, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Secretary Scott Angelle for his efforts in moving the Sligo Road Extension project in Bossier Parish forward.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 20th day of July, 2011.

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Mr. Altimus extended appreciation to Mr. Jackson for his persistence and outstanding work in the matter of the Sligo Road Extension Project, and for his assistance on all legal matters pertaining to projects within the parish.

Mr. Jackson advised that trial proceedings in the matter of a zoning violation by Robert E. Simpson, and in the matter of CVEU violations by T-M Well Service, are set for Monday, July 25, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – July 20, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 20th day of July, 2011, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with all members present.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Altimus, to amend the agenda to allow a correction in the previous approval of a request for discretionary funds at the June 15, 2011, Finance Committee meeting, to reflect that Curtis Elementary School is the recipient of \$5,000 for a new school sign in lieu of Elm Grove Elementary.

The Chairman 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

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve a contribution of discretionary funds in the amount of \$5,000, as approved at the June 15, 2011, finance meeting, to Curtis Elementary School for a new school sign.

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

Ms. Vickie Case, Cook & Morehart, Certified Public Accountants, discussed the 2010 Bossier Parish Police Jury audit. She reported that there are no findings or comments, and commended the police jury staff for their work.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$3,542.94 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of June, 2011, as follows:

American Refrigeration & Ice	\$ 246.75
Area Wide	\$ 240.00
Cannon Services, Inc.	\$ 180.00
Fitzgerald Contractors, Inc.	\$1,292.26
Fitzgerald Contractors, Inc.	\$ 990.94
Twin City Appliance, Inc.	\$ 75.76
Area Wide	\$ 80.00
American Refrigeration & Ice	\$ 167.00
Twin City Appliance, Inc.	\$ 270.23

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

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of June, 2011.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Meachum, that Mr. Meachum and Mr. Plummer will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,500 each, Mr. Hammack will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,200, and Mr. Cochran will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$800, for a total of \$5,000, to Elm Grove Elementary School for the purchase of additional licenses for a reading and math computer software program called SuccessMaker.

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried, with Mr. Butler opposing.**

Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Benton, that Mr. Meachum and Mr. Benton will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$2,052.10 each, for a total of \$4,104.20, to Haughton Middle School for the purchase of new football girdles and pants for the football team.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Avery, that Mr. Plummer, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Avery, and Mr. Meachum will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$250 each, for a total of \$1,000, to Parkway High School for the purchase of workout equipment for the girls' athletic department.

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

Ms. Lauren Bland, 2011 graduate of Benton High School, presented a request from Benton High School for Project Graduation. She stated that they are asking for donations to help reimburse the school for the purchase of door prizes that were given away at the event held on May 21, 2011. Ms. Bennett stated that discretionary funds cannot be used for this type of request. After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Butler, to table the request from Benton High School for discretionary funds for the Project Graduation event held on May 21, 2011.**

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

Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to remove from the agenda, the discussion of office rental for space occupied by the Bossier Office of Community Services.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to amend the agenda to allow discussion of issues regarding the wastewater facility at the parish prison complex.

The Chairman 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

Mr. Larry Landry, Director of Public Utilities, advised that on March 16, 2011, Department of Environmental Quality performed an onsite inspection of the wastewater facilities at the parish prison complex, and found that mercury switches (which were outlawed in 2009) are located in all of the lift stations. He stated that DEQ has requested that these switches be replaced immediately.

Mr. Landry advised that DEQ has also reported that there are no flow meters for the system and stated that this is a requirement as indicated in the permit issued to the parish. He stated that cost estimates are being obtained for the replacement of the mercury switches and the installation of flow meters, and advised that the Sheriff's Department will be requested to share half of the cost for this expense.

This matter is to be further considered at the August 17, 2011, Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Plummer reported that as an expression of appreciation from Parkway High School for the jury's assistance in the purchase of a protective covering for the new gym floor, the new floor covering bears the logo of the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

Mr. Cochran reported that the police jury has received a refund check from Blue Cross Blue Shield surplus funds in the amount of \$34,094.53.

Ms. Thomas reported that the parish spent \$802,000 during the 2009 flood event, with the state reimbursing 75% of those funds in the amount of \$602,000. She stated that the parish has received \$560,000 from the state to date, and advised that the remaining reimbursement should be received in the next quarter.

The Finance Committee was adjourned by the Chairman.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 20th day of July, 2011, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:30 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY