

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
August 17, 2011

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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. Bill Altimus and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Hank Meachum. 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. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Cindy Dodson, Parish Secretary.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt the minutes of the July 6, 2011, and the July 20, 2011, regular meetings, and the July 20, 2011, 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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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Darby, to amend the agenda to add Ms. Kathleen Irving, LSU Ag Center.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **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. Glenn Horton, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department, requested a Quietus on the 2010 tax roll. The following recap for the period July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, was presented for consideration:

Tax Payer Column of 2010 Tax Roll	\$ 86,167,167.18
Adjustments (LTC's, SHE's, SPL's, etc.)	\$ <239,758.11>
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTED TAX ROLL:</b>	<u>\$ 85,927,409.07</u>
Protest Money Collected - not distributed	\$ <316,424.05>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED:</b>	<u>\$ 85,177,508.32</u>
<b>UNCOLLECTED:</b>	<u>\$ 433,476.70</u>
The Uncollected Balance consists of:	
1) Bankruptcies	\$ 34,387.81
2) Movables, Mobile Homes, RE bankruptcy discharged	\$ 381,301.61
	<u>\$ 415,689.42</u>
Adjudications (tax sale properties)	\$ 17,787.28
	<u>\$ 433,476.70</u>

99.5% of the 2010 adjusted tax roll was collected.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to grant a Quietus on the 2010 tax roll.

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

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Mr. Kurt Foreman, President of the North Louisiana Economic Partnership, reported on activities of the organization. He stated that several pipeline projects have expressed interest in north Louisiana, and advised that as of May, 2011, the organization has seen 18 new projects. Mr. Foreman stated that many companies are searching for sites that are ready for business and advised that many are looking for building space. He stated that NLEP plans to launch a workforce marketing website on September 1, 2011.

Mr. Foreman stated that NLEP recently joined Louisiana Tech in a federal grant application for a Jobs & Innovation Accelerator Challenge grant to assist in the creation of jobs in this area. He advised that NLEP's goal for 2011 is to help create approximately 1,500 jobs for this area with an investment of \$150 million, and advised that they are approximately one-third of the way to reaching that goal.

Mr. Foreman stated that many businesses are looking for a facility that is ready for immediate occupancy, and stated that commercial property owners are encouraged to complete the site certification process with the State.

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Ms. Kathleen Irving, LSU Ag Center, expressed appreciation to the jury for its support of Bossier Parish students who attended the Family and Youth Expo at Southern University in June. She stated that three of the students attending won first place in public speaking and in illustrative talk. Ms. Irving stated that she was awarded top agent, and that the students placed third in the quiz bowl. Jurors thanked Ms. Irving for a job well done.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Benton, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Sammy Halphen and Mr. Steve Nezat.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **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. Sammy Halphen, Director of Homeland Security for Bossier Parish, introduced Mr. Steve Nezat, newly hired Director of the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District. He stated that Mr. Nezat has served the public for over 20 years in public safety with the Shreveport Fire Department, and previously served as Chief of the Shreveport EMS, the largest EMS district in the nation.

Mr. Steve Nezat expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve Bossier Parish.

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Mr. Butch Ford, Parish Engineer, recommended that the low bid of Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Services, Inc., in the amount of \$114,695.00, be accepted for the Right Turn Lane and Median for Courtney Lane Project No. 2011-294.

**Motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to award the bid for the Right Turn Lane and Median for Courtney Lane Project No. 2011-294, to Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Services, Inc., low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on August 15, 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:
Fessler & Bowman, Inc.	Base Bid: \$149,781.37
	Alt. #1 \$ 30.00
F. J. Burnell, Inc.	Base Bid: \$134,706.00
	Alt. #1 \$ 31,600.00
Best Yet Builders, LLC	Base Bid: \$158,210.75
	Alt. #1 \$ 32,083.00
Blount Bro. Construction, Inc.	Base Bid: \$131,802.00
	Alt. #1 \$ 42,620.00
Benton & Brown, LLC	Base Bid: \$159,007.25
	Alt. #1 \$ 85,856.50
Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Services, Inc.	Base Bid: \$114,695.00
	Alt. #1 \$ 30,855.00

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Mr. Ford recommended that the low bid of F. J. Burnell, Inc., in the amount of \$91,882.00, be accepted for the Turn Lane for Commerce Drive Project No. 2011-299. **Motion was made by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Butler, to award the bid for the Turn Lane for Commerce Drive Project No. 2011-299, to F. J. Burnell, Inc., low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on August 15, 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:
Fessler & Bowman, Inc.	\$ 98,360.42
F. J. Burnell, Inc.	\$ 91,882.00
Best Yet Builders, LLC	\$137,950.00

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing 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, Olde Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. VIII, located in Section 23, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA. This matter was tabled on August 3, 2011. No one was present on behalf of the applicant/developer. **Motion was made by Mr. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to table the public hearing 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, 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.** The matter is to be considered at the September 7, 2011, regular meeting.

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Mr. Larry Landry, Director of Public Utilities, presented a proposal from Moon and Associates in the amount of approximately \$12,500 for appraisal of the five remaining sewerage systems in north Bossier Parish for Phase Two of the sewer district project, and advised that a portion of these fees are the result of changes in Phase One of the project. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to accept the proposal of Moon and Associates in the amount of approximately \$12,500, for appraisal of the five remaining sewerage systems to be acquired by the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish

Police Jury, a proposal with Moon and Associates, for appraisal of the remaining sewerage systems to be acquired by the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, Parish of Bossier.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

CINDY DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve an amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Balar Associates, Inc., for changes made necessary by the exclusion of Red Chute Utilities from Phase One of the sewerage district project, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, Parish of Bossier, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents.**

The President called for public comment. Ms. Laura Adley requested that the jury reconsider the exclusion of Red Chute Utilities from the sewer district project, advising that this will affect many citizens. Mr. Benton stated that the owner of Red Chute Utilities made the decision not to sell the utility system to the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, and advised that this resulted in a substantial loss to the parish of fees paid associated with the acquisition of this system.

Mr. Jackson stated the police jury is certainly open to further discussions on this matter if the owner offers to sell Red Chute Utilities in the future. He stated that ownership of the system must be verified in order for the police jury to proceed with the expending of public funds for this purchase.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, an amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Balar Associates, Inc., for changes made necessary by the exclusion of Red Chute Utilities from Phase One of the sewerage district project, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, Parish of Bossier.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to accept the design proposal of Denmon Engineering Company, Inc., in the amount of \$720,500, for Phase Two Force Main (from west terminus of Phase One near Red Chute Bayou to new treatment plant site on Red River), and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents.**

The President called for public comment. Mr. Lee Underwood, Balar Associates, Inc., stated that Balar has been involved with the sewerage district project for some time and expressed appreciation to the jury for allowing them this opportunity. He stated that work on this project often required a very aggressive work schedule, advising that Balar made every effort to accommodate that schedule with no additional payment requested. Mr. Underwood stated that it was their assumption that Balar would continue to be involved with this project until its completion. He stated that the proposal of Balar for Phase Two of the sewer project is approximately \$110,000 less than the proposal of Denmon Engineering Company, Inc. Mr. Ford stated that after a thorough review of both proposals, it is the recommendation of the staff that the proposal of Denmon Engineering Company, Inc. be accepted.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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., in the amount of \$720,500, for Phase Two Force Main (from west terminus of Phase One near Red Chute Bayou to new treatment plant site on Red River).

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 1 on the Palmetto Road Overlay Project No. 2011-289, and advised that Plan Change No. 1 results in a deduct in the amount of \$8,288.68. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Palmetto Road Overlay Project No. 2011-289, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 1 on the Palmetto Road Overlay Project No. 2011-289.

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. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Butler, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Palmetto Road Overlay Project No. 2011-289, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Palmetto Road Overlay Project No. 2011-289.

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

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Butler. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the HVAC Renovations at the Bossier Parish Minimum Security Prison, Project No. 2010-267, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the HVAC Renovations at the Bossier Parish Minimum Security Prison, Project No. 2010-267.

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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Mr. Ford referred to Ordinance No. 4401 adopted on July 6, 2011, which accepted 200 feet of Roland Lane into the parish road system for permanent maintenance, advising that the ordinance should be amended to state that Roland Lane was previously dedicated as Hollow Bluff Drive. The Tax Assessor's office has advised that they are unable to work the ordinance into their system without the additional information. **Motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Benton, to adopt an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 4401 of July 6, 2011, to specify that Roland Lane was previously dedicated as Hollow Bluff Drive.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4407

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4401 OF JULY 6, 2011, WHICH ACCEPTED 200 FEET OF ROLAND LANE INTO THE BOSSIER PARISH ROAD SYSTEM FOR PERMANENT MAINTENANCE TO SPECIFY THAT ROLAND LANE WAS PREVIOUSLY DEDICATED AS HOLLOW BLUFF DRIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, that the following road be and is hereby accepted into the Bossier Parish Road Maintenance System for permanent maintenance:

ROLAND LANE (previously dedicated as Hollow Bluff Drive) – the first 200 feet of Roland Lane located west of its intersection with Bellevue Road, Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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Mr. Ford referred to the adoption of Ordinance No. 4402 on July 6, 2011, which accepted the first 100 feet of Dirt Pit Road into the parish road system for permanent maintenance, advising that the Tax Assessor's office has determined that in accordance with a previously filed subdivision plat, the name of the road is officially Lakes Boulevard. He requested that Ordinance No. 4402 be rescinded and that an ordinance be adopted to accept the first 90.3 feet of Lakes Boulevard into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to rescind Ordinance No. 4402 of July 6, 2011, which accepted the first 100 feet of Dirt Pit Road into the parish road system, and to adopt an ordinance accepting the first 90.3 feet of Lakes Boulevard 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. 4408

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 4402 OF JULY 6, 2011, IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND ACCEPTING THE FIRST 90.3 FEET OF LAKES BOULEVARD INTO THE BOSSIER PARISH ROAD SYSTEM FOR PERMANENT MAINTENANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, that the following road be and is hereby accepted into the Bossier Parish Road Maintenance System for permanent maintenance:

LAKES BOULEVARD – first 90.3 feet of Lakes Boulevard, west of its intersection with Bellevue Road, in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 8 on the Bellevue Road Improvements Project No. 2010-277, advising that the plan change results in an additional amount of \$157,080. He stated that the additional costs are related to the undercutting of a portion of Bellevue Road that is filled with bad material that must be replaced prior to overlay. **Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve Plan Change No. 8 on the Bellevue Road Improvements Project No. 2010-277, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 8 on the Bellevue Road Improvements Project No. 2010-277.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rick Avery, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 8.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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Mr. Altimus reported that the annual Police Jury Association Region 4 meeting is being hosted by Claiborne Parish and will be held at the Historic Homer Town Hall in Homer, Louisiana, on September 29, 2011. He requested that jurors advise the staff if they plan to attend.

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Jurors were provided a copy of district reports from the highway department.

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Mr. Altimus advised that on August 16, 2011, he signed the agreement with the U.S. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the land swap necessary for continuing the southerly extension of the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway.

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Meachum, to schedule a public hearing on September 21, 2011, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Woodlake Ridge Subdivision, Unit No. 3, located in Section 4, 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.**

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Butler, to schedule a public hearing on September 21, 2011, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Turtle Creek Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 11, 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.**

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Mr. Ford reported that plans for the Sligo Road Extension project are complete, advising that bids for the project will be received on September 30, 2011. He stated that after consideration of various options, plans provide for a 90° curve at the end of the Sligo Road Extension going due east to Highway 71 then to Sligo Road. Mr. Jackson stated that this design will provide the best way to safely flow traffic for the southerly extension.

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Mr. Ford discussed the Cypress Forest Drainage Improvements Project, advising that a six-foot ditch has been placed within a 15-foot easement located across the backyard of a private residence. He recommended the installation of an underground pipe with catch basins to collect the water and advised that the cost is approximately \$50,000.

Mr. Ford stated that landowners have expressed concern regarding possible damage to their property during the removal of trees for the project. He stated that he is obtaining proposals from a tree service to drop the trees in an effort to prevent any property damage. Mr. Ford advised that he will present a change order at the September 7, 2011, regular meeting.

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Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish.

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Mr. Jackson reported that a hearing is scheduled on August 18, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., on the matter of the emergency injunction filed against Green Park Marina properties on Lake Bistineau due to severe health and sanitation violations.

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Finance Committee Meeting – August 17, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, 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. Cummings, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$3,264.09 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of July, 2011, as follows:**

Ark La Tex Power Cleaning	\$ 250.00
Bobby Brannon Heating & Air Conditioning	\$ 135.00
Bobby Brannon Heating & Air Conditioning	\$ 336.80
Plumbmaster	\$ 31.89
American Refrigeration & Ice	\$ 175.00
Bobby Brannon Heating & Air Conditioning	\$ 95.00
Fitzgerald Contractors, Inc.	\$1,893.70
Raka General Sheet Metal	\$ 346.70

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 Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Butler, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of July, 2011.**

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. Meachum, seconded by Mr. Benton, that Mr. Meachum and Mr. Benton will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$3,000 each, for a total of \$6,000, to Houghton High School for the purchase of field saver weighted track protectors.**

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 Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton, to remove from the agenda, the request of Benton High School for discretionary funds for the Project Graduation event that was held on May 21, 2011.**

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. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Altimus, that Mr. Cummings, Mr. Butler, Mr. Avery, and Mr. Cochran will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$789.05 each, for a total of \$3,156.20, to Airline High School for ten loads of sand for a practice soccer field.**

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

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Mr. Altimus reported that the deadline for submitting an application for funds from the Louisiana Government Assistance Program for the year 2011/2012 is September 15, 2011, and that the parish can apply for up to \$100,000. He stated that two possible projects have been submitted for consideration for these funds, and that a final decision will need to be made at the September 7, 2011, regular meeting. After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Altimus, seconded by Mr. Cummings, to table the discussion of grant funding through the Local Government Assistance Program for the year 2011-2012.**

The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** This matter is to be considered at the September 7, 2011, regular meeting.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve funds in the amount of \$41,900, for the replacement of switches and installation of flow meters at the wastewater facility at the parish prison complex.**

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. Hammack, to approve the request of the Town of Plain Dealing for assistance with the overlay of certain streets within the town, with the Town of Plain Dealing paying all labor, fuel and material costs.**

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

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The Finance Committee 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:11 p.m.

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