

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES
February 15, 2012
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 15th day of February, 2012, 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. Bob Brotherton, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Jerome Darby. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Cindy Dodson, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. Rick Avery	Mr. Jerome Darby
Ms. Wanda Bennett	Mr. Wayne Hammack
Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Mac Plummer
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Fred Shewmake
Mr. Sonny Cook	Mr. Jack Skaggs

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. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt the minutes of the January 4, 2012, and the January 18, 2012, regular meetings, and the January 18, 2012, 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 Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to authorize requests for proposals for Buckhall Road, Phase II, Project No. 2012-354.

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

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 10, located in Sections 13 and 14, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Ed Kennon, developer, was present. Mr. Ford stated that the proposal meets all parish requirements and recommended approval of the plat.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 10, located in Sections 13 and 14, Township 19 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. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to schedule a public hearing on March 7, 2012, for consideration of parish maintenance of Vickers Road, located in Sections 7 and 18, Township 19 North, Range 11 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 Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming the month of March, 2012, as Food System Awareness Month in Bossier Parish.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we recognize that the Food System and issues pertaining to the Food System significantly affect the public health, economy, land use, and quality of life of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, locally grown food is healthy for our community members and environmentally sustainable, and that access to safe, nutritious, and culturally acceptable food is essential to human health and increases economic viability; and

WHEREAS, there are communities in our region that are considered "food deserts", with little or no access to fresh, affordable, and healthy food; and

WHEREAS, consumption of healthy food reduces nutrition-related illnesses such as diabetes, obesity, and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1 in 3 people in our community are food insecure, and more than 1 in 5 families with children are food insecure; and

WHEREAS, food related health concerns are a major challenge for our community, with a third of the adults obese, and almost 20% of preschool children obese. In 2008, 13% of individuals in our region had type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, developing a Healthy Local Food System has the potential to build health and resiliency in our communities and cultivating local farm and food businesses creates green industry jobs, reduces health care costs, and contributes to our long-term economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, our citizens have mandated the creation of a Healthy Local Food System in the 2010 Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, we wish to bequeath to our future generations a healthy world with healthy choices,
NOW, THEREFORE, We, The Bossier Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2012, as
FOOD SYSTEM AWARENESS MONTH

in the Parish of Bossier, and do hereby jointly with the mayors of Shreveport and Bossier City, proclaim its support for a Healthy Local Food System. We encourage the citizens, civic associations, businesses, community-based organizations, and neighborhoods to support the production and sale of locally grown food in home gardens, community gardens, school gardens, and regional urban and rural farms. We encourage a focus on educating our community about nutrition and the benefit of local food consumption in order to promote a more sustainable social, environmental, and economic future. We proclaim that henceforth, the issues and concerns of establishing a Healthy Local Food System shall hold a priority in our plans and deliberations.

The proclamation was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of February, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve an agreement between BBS Investments, LLC, and the Bossier Parish Police Jury, for the construction of north and south bound turning lanes on Highway 157 at its intersection with Sligo/Johnson Koran Road, to accommodate a proposal by BBS Investments, LLC, to construct a new truck stop at this location, 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 15th day of February, 2012, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, an agreement between BBS Investments, LLC, and the Bossier Parish Police Jury, for the construction of north and south bound turning lanes on Highway 157 at its intersection with Sligo/Johnson Koran Road, to accommodate a proposal by BBS Investments, LLC, to construct a new truck stop at this location.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of February, 2012.

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Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Alliance, Inc., on the Wemple Road Reconstruction Project, in the amount of \$47,488, 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 15th day of February, 2012, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Alliance, Inc., on the Wemple Road Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$47,488.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of February, 2012.

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Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Urban Contract for Engineering and Related Services between the Bossier Parish Police Jury and Lazenby & Associates, Inc., on the North-South Corridor Project, State Project No. H.003862.5 and Purchase Order No. 2-2370, 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.**

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 15th day of February, 2012, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Amendment No. 1 to the Urban Contract for Engineering and Related Services between the Bossier Parish Police Jury and Lazenby & Associates, Inc., on the North-South Corridor Project, State Project No. H.003862.5 and Purchase Order No. 2-2370.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of February, 2012.

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Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to accept the proposal of Professional Service Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$6,250 for geotechnical exploration services for the Merrywoods ditch project, and to authorize the President to sign any and all documents and contracts in conjunction therewith.

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 15th day of February, 2012, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents and contracts in conjunction with the proposal of Professional Service Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$6,250, for geotechnical exploration services for the Merrywoods ditch project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 15th day of February, 2012.

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Mr. Benton advised that the Lake Bistineau Task Force has requested the police jury's assistance in providing boat channel signs for Lake Bistineau. He stated that the approximate cost for the signs is \$757, and advised that the Webster Parish Police Jury has agreed to pay half the cost. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve payment in the amount of \$378.50, which represents half the total cost of \$757, for boat channel signs for Lake Bistineau.**

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

Mr. Ford requested that approval of Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services with Balar Engineer & Surveyors for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, be tabled for consideration at the March 7, 2012, regular meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to table the matter of approval of Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Engineering Services with Balar Engineers & Surveyors in the amount of \$14,900 for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, to be considered at the March 7, 2012, regular meeting.

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

Mr. Altimus advised that a reception honoring retiring Judge Bruce Bolin is scheduled for today at the Silver Star restaurant from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Altimus reported that early voting for the March 24, 2012, Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Primary election will be held March 10-17, 2012, excluding Sunday. He stated that early voting for the April 21, 2012, General Municipal election is being held April 7-14, 2012, excluding Sunday.

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

Mr. Rimmer provided information on a property standards matter at Lot 29, Bodcau Park Annex Subdivision, and requested that a 10-day notice be sent to the property owner advising of property standards violations at this location.

Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, advised that Quality Trucking has expressed interest in purchasing additional acreage in the Commerce Park for expansion of their facility, and requested that an item be placed on the March 7, 2012, regular meeting agenda, to authorize the Parish Attorney to negotiate an option agreement with Quality Trucking for the purchase of up to approximately seven acres in the Commerce Park.

Mr. Jackson discussed a request from the Town of Benton regarding use of the old Benton library building, advising that the Town of Benton has expressed an interest in moving its police department to this facility. He stated that the Benton-Parish MPC is also located in the building. Mr. Jackson stated that details of the proposal are being worked out, and requested that the matter be placed on the March 7, 2012, regular meeting agenda for consideration. He stated that a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Town of Benton, the police jury and the Bossier Library System will be necessary.

Mr. Jackson reported that Defense Secretary Leon Panetta will be in Bossier City on Friday to discuss Barksdale Air Force Base.

Mr. Jackson expressed appreciation to the Bossier Chamber of Commerce for their assistance in recent meetings.

Finance Committee Meeting – February 15, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 15th day of February, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with Mr. Darby absent.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$4,637.98 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of January, 2012, as follows:

Snyder Floor Covering	\$ 98.75
Bobby Brannon Heating and Air Conditioning	\$4,056.00
Bobby Brannon Heating and Air Conditioning	\$ 215.00
Grainger	\$ 17.92
Jayroes Hardware and Garden	\$ 1.99
R E Michel Company, Inc.	\$ 12.48
R E Michel Company, Inc.	\$ 2.84
Bobby Brannon Heating and Air Conditioning	\$ 223.00

The Chairman called for public comment. Mr. Benton expressed concern for the continued maintenance costs of the air conditioning units at the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter. Mr. Altimus advised that the air conditioning units

are approximately 15 years old, and need to be replaced. Mr. Hammack recommended that the police jury budget to replace three units per year until all units have been replaced at the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter. Mr. Altimus stated that this matter will be referred to the Building and Grounds Committee to further discuss.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of January, 2012.

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 Ms. Bennett, that Mr. Plummer and Mr. Hammack will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,900 each, for a total of \$3,800, to Bellaire Elementary School for the purchase of Promethean ActivBoards.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, that Mr. Benton will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,500, and matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,500, Mr. Hammack will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$500, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Brotherton and Mr. Avery will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,000 each, and Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Cook and Mr. Rimmer will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$500 each, for a total of \$8,000, to Haughton High School for the purchase of a 2012 deluxe cargo carrier trailer for the marching band.

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

Ms. Bennett presented a letter of appreciation from the softball team at LA New Tech @ Plain Dealing for the police jury's assistance in the purchase of supplies, equipment and extra junior varsity uniforms.

Ms. Bennett presented a letter of appreciation from the baseball team at Benton High School for the police jury's assistance in the purchase of a new baseball scoreboard.

Mr. Cochran advised of a request from Plantation Park Elementary for discretionary funds for the purchase of a new sign, advising that the request will be considered at the March 21, 2012, Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Rimmer advised of a request from Platt Elementary School for discretionary funds for the purchase of new playground equipment, advising that the request will be considered at the March 21, 2012, Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Benton reported that citizens in Dogwood Subdivision have expressed concern that sewer rates have increased, and advised that the police jury adopted a schedule of fees for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 on February 17, 2010. He stated that information regarding the schedule of fees can be obtained from the police jury office.

The Finance Committee meeting 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 15th day of February, 2012, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 2:22 p.m.

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