

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
March 7, 2012

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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. Jerome Darby, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Doug Rimmer. 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

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Others present were Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Cindy Dodson, Parish Secretary.

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Mr. Luke Turner and Ms. Stacy Brown, Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, expressed appreciation to the jury for its support of the 2012 Bassmaster Classic. Ms. Brown stated that all launch attendance records were broken at this event, and advised that approximately 19,000 people attended weigh-in ceremonies at the CenturyLink center. She stated that the Expo event held at the Shreveport Convention Center was also well attended, and stated that there were visitors from around the world. Ms. Brown expressed appreciation to the approximately 138 volunteers who worked over 1,000 hours during the Bassmaster Classic. She stated that several attractions, restaurants and stores in the Shreveport-Bossier area reported an increase in sales during the event. Ms. Brown stated that Bassmaster event coordinators expressed their interest in returning to the Shreveport-Bossier area for future Bassmaster Classic events.

Mr. Avery expressed appreciation on behalf of the jury to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission and to the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau for their efforts in making the 2012 Bassmaster Classic a huge success.

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to authorize the advertising for bids for the following street improvement projects, bid dates to be determined at a later date:**

- 1) Gary Rex Circle Improvements Project No. 2011-323.
- 2) Parks Road Realignment Project No. 2012-356.
- 3) Young Road Overlay Project No. 2012-361.
- 4) Kingston Road Overlay Project No. 2012-362.
- 5) Poole Road Railroad Crossing Project No. 2012-368.
- 6) Palmetto Road Widening, Phase I, Project No. 2012-369.

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

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance doubling fines for speeding in residential subdivisions.

Mr. Eric Clinton, 9101 Dogwood Trail, stated that he is in favor of doubling fines for speeding in residential subdivisions in an effort to reduce the speed of traffic on Dogwood Trail near his home. He stated that speeding traffic in the area has created a safety hazard for his family. Mr. Rimmer stated that his request for consideration of this matter is constituent driven, advising that several members of the Dogwood Homeowners Association have also expressed concern regarding speeding traffic on the streets of Dogwood Subdivision.

Mr. Avery stated that in the past, when there is a problem with speeding in subdivisions or in any other areas of the parish, the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department is asked to increase patrol in the problem areas. He requested information on the number of tickets issued for speeding violations in Dogwood Subdivision before making a decision to double fines for speeding in this area.

Mr. Benton stated that he is not in favor of the proposed doubling of fines for speeding in all of Dogwood Subdivision. He stated that increased patrol by the Sheriff's Department provides a deterrent to speeding and encourages citizens to abide by the posted speed limit.

Mr. Hammack stated that the Sheriff's Department is needed in this location on a regular basis writing tickets. Mr. Plummer stated that the Sheriff's Department will respond to a request for enhanced enforcement, and urged citizens to make the Sheriff's Department aware of trouble areas in an effort to enhance traffic safety.

Mr. Bruce Logan, 207 Silver Fox, expressed his opposition to the proposed doubling of fines for speeding, stating that he does not believe such action will deter speeding in those areas. Mr. Logan stated that increased enforcement is the only prevention for excessive speeding in any area.

Mr. Rimmer stated that doubling fines for speeding in residential areas may not be suitable parishwide, but that he does feel it will be beneficial in a portion of Dogwood Subdivision. He stated that he will research the number of speeding tickets issued in Dogwood Subdivision and provide that information at the April 4, 2012, regular meeting.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to table the public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance doubling fines for speeding in residential subdivisions, to be considered at the April 4, 2012, regular meeting.**

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

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider parish maintenance on Vickers Road located in Sections 7 and 18, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Butch Ford, Parish Engineer, stated that in 2006, Capital Outlay funding was obtained for paving a portion of Vickers Road. He stated that the remaining portion of the road is gravel, and is a part of the parish road system through tacit dedication. Mr. Ford stated that the tacitly dedicated portion of Vickers Road is no longer being maintained. He stated that diligent efforts were made to obtain a 60' right-of-way along the remaining portion of the road so that if in the future, paving of this portion of the road is considered. Mr. Ford stated that the parish was unable to obtain the needed right-of-way due to a large number of property heirs and the need for successions on one tract, and advised that maintenance of the gravel parish portion stopped.

Mr. John H. Lee, heir to property on Vickers Road, stated that he and his family are willing to do whatever is needed to assist the parish.

Mr. Leo Rossler, property owner on Vickers Road, was present and requested that the parish resume maintenance of the gravel portion to provide him access to his property. He stated that since the parish has stopped its maintenance of the road, he is no longer able to get to his property.

Mr. Jackson stated that the parish can resume maintaining the tacitly dedicated portion of the gravel road only, but in order to pave the road, the parish must obtain a 60-foot right-of-way. Mr. Rimmer recommended that the parish clear and grade the gravel portion of Vickers Road, and assume maintenance of the road at that level.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to re-establish parish maintenance on the tacitly dedicated gravel portion of Vickers Road located in Section 7, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, with parish crews providing clearing, grading and gravel, and with the understanding that this portion of Vickers Road will not be paved at this time.**

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

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Ms. Nancy Penwell, Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, advised that in 1986, Lot 5, Eastlake Subdivision, was zoned B-3, Community and Central Business District, and stated that it is recommended by the Benton MPC that the zoning be reverted back to its original zoning classification of R-A, Residence Agriculture District. Mr. Ford stated that all lots in Eastlake Subdivision are zoned R-1, One-Family Residence District, and recommended that the zoning classification for Lot 5 be changed to R-1. Ms. Penwell concurred.

**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to schedule a public hearing on April 4, 2012, to consider a request by the Benton-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of Lot 5, Eastlake Subdivision, located in Section 35, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from B-3, Community and Central Business District, to R-1, One-Family Residence District.**

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. Cook, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to schedule a public hearing on April 4, 2012, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Pin Oak Flat Subdivision, located in Section 15, Township 18 North, Range 11 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 Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve 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, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Engineering Services with Balar Engineers & Surveyors, in connection with the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT  
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**Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to acknowledge receipt of Request for Proposals for Fiscal Agent of the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the period April 1, 2012, to April 1, 2014.**

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

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Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, reported that Quality Trucking has submitted a proposal for the purchase of 7.4 acres, more or less, in Commerce Park, for expansion of their existing facility. He stated that a 6,000 square foot facility is proposed, and the creation of 30 new jobs is anticipated. Mr. Jackson advised that the parish will provide clearing and grubbing of the property.

**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to authorize the Parish Attorney to negotiate an option agreement with Quality Trucking for the purchase of 7.4 acres, more or less, in the Commerce Park.**

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

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Mr. Jackson advised that the Town of Benton has requested that the police jury allow them to use the old Benton library facility to house the Benton Police Department. He stated that if approved, the Benton Police Department will co-locate in the facility with the Benton-Parish MPC. Mr. Wayne Cathcart, Interim Mayor for the Town of Benton, stated that the Town of Benton plans to renovate the old police department in the future and move the MPC office to that facility. Mr. Jackson stated that the Benton Police Department will provide business-hour reception service for the MPC.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to allow the Town of Benton to use the old Benton library building to house the Benton Police Department, with the police department to be co-located in the facility with the Benton-Parish MPC.**

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

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Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 2 on the Winfield Road Improvements Project No. 2011-291, advising that the plan change results in a deduct of -\$9,978.65. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve Plan Change No. 2 on the Winfield Road Improvements Project No. 2011-291, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 2 on the Winfield Road Improvements Project No. 2011-291.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rick Avery, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 2.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 14 on the Bellevue Road Improvements Project No. 2010-277, advising that the plan change results in an additional cost of \$7,799.69. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve Plan Change No. 14 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 14 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. 14.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Standard Form of Agreement between Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 and Denmon Engineering for Phase II of the design and construction of a regional waste water treatment plant, and to authorize the Parish Engineer 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, that Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Standard Form of Agreement between Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 and Denmon Engineering for Phase II of the design and construction of a regional waste water treatment plant.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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Mr. Ford presented a two-year maintenance bond from Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service for acceptance of the Courtney Lane right turn lane and median into the parish road system for permanent maintenance. Mr. Avery advised of complaints from citizens, and requested an update on a request to the Department of Transportation and Development for a variance to allow southbound vehicles to turn left off Louisiana Highway 3 onto Courtney Lane. Mr. Ford advised that no response has been received from the Department of Transportation and Development on this matter. He stated that the parish is responsible for maintenance of the turn lane and median. Mr. Avery requested that this matter be tabled for further review.

**Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to table the matter of acceptance of Courtney Lane right turn lane and median 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.** The matter is to be considered at the March 21, 2012, regular meeting.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to accept the streets and drainage in Belle Rose Subdivision, Unit No. 4, 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. 4422

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, has received a request from Southern Home Builders, Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Belle Rose Subdivision, Unit No. 4, 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 Southern Home Builders, 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 Belle Rose Subdivision, Unit No. 4, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

Prairie Moss Drive – 0.09 mile

Sweet Bay Circle – 0.13 mile

Tall Grass Circle – 0.07 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. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to accept the streets and drainage in Redwood Place Subdivision, Unit No. 6, 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. 4423

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, has received a request from Southern Home Builders, Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Redwood Place Subdivision, Unit No. 6, 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 Southern Home Builders, 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 Redwood Place Subdivision, Unit No. 6:

Dublin Way – 0.05 mile

Grand Lake Drive – 0.06 mile

White Lake Drive – 0.20 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. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Winfield Road Overlay Project No. 2011-291, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Winfield Road Overlay Project No. 2011-291.

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. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to accept the resignation of Mr. Bob Wynn from the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Avery requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Wynn for his years of service on the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control.

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There was discussion of the 2012 budget appropriation to the Benton-Parish MPC. Ms. Nancy Penwell, Benton-Parish MPC, was present.

Mr. Rimmer requested information regarding the request for funding for film processing. Ms. Penwell stated that she currently uses a digital camera and there are times when film processing is needed and memory cards for the digital camera are purchased. Mr. Sam Merritt, Chairman of the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Directors, stated that a new digital camera with an advanced zoom lens is needed.

Mr. Rimmer requested information on the request for \$2,500 for other equipment. Ms. Penwell stated that a new computer, printer and transcriber are needed, and these funds will also be used to replace older equipment as needed.

Ms. Bennett referred to a request for an increase in salary for Ms. Penwell. Ms. Penwell stated that there is no increase in the number of hours she works, but that she is always on call. She stated that Mr. Robert Brown, prior Benton-Parish MPC Zoning Administrator, is providing consulting services to the Benton-Parish MPC.

Mr. Benton requested information regarding the percentage of cost shared between the Town of Benton and the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the Benton-Parish MPC. Ms. Thomas, Parish Treasurer, stated that the police jury and the Town of Benton contribute equally to the MPC.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve a budget appropriation of \$16,324 to the Benton-Parish MPC for the year 2012.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Ms. Penwell expressed appreciation to the police jury for its continued support. Mr. Merritt advised that due to the continued growth of the area, there will be a need in the future for additional personnel for the Benton-Parish MPC.

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Mr. Jim Firth, Purchasing Agent, advised that following an annual inspection of the courthouse chillers, boilers, air handlers, and pumps, it has been determined that the two gear boxes on the cooling tower need to be either repaired or replaced. He stated that he will have the gear boxes lifted out for inspection to determine whether repair of the boxes is feasible. Mr. Firth stated that if replacement of the boxes is necessary, the estimated cost is \$25,000, and requested approval of this expenditure.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize an expenditure of \$25,000 for replacement of gear boxes for the courthouse cooling tower, if necessary.**

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

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Chief Tom Myrick, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, discussed the application of Azim Jalaldin for a 2012 beer/liquor license at Countryside Exxon, LLC, 7980 Barksdale Boulevard, Bossier Parish, LA. He stated that a background check on Mr. Jalaldin has revealed that he was arrested in January, 2012, for the distribution of synthetic cannabinoids being sold at a store operated by Mr. Jalaldin in Ouachita Parish. Chief Myrick stated that it is the recommendation of the Bossier Sheriff's Office that Mr. Jalaldin's application for a 2012 beer/liquor license at Countryside Exxon, LLC, 7980 Barksdale Boulevard, be denied. **Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to uphold the recommendation of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office to deny the application of Azim Jalaldin for a 2012 beer/liquor license at Countryside Exxon, LLC, 7980 Barksdale Boulevard, 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. Jackson advised of a proposal from Petrohawk Properties, LP, for Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease of approximately 5.57 acres of parish property situated on four tracts in Section 29, Township 17 North, Range 12 West. He requested authorization to further research this matter.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to authorize the Parish Attorney to research the matter of a proposal from Petrohawk Properties, LP, for Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases of approximately 5.57 acres of parish property.**

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

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Mr. Jackson advised that due to a conflict of interest, he is recusing himself from any and all issues pertaining to the Caplis Sligo Road Bridge over Flat River, State Project No. 713-08-0110. He stated that Mr. John Hodge, Wiener, Weiss and Madison, will handle this matter for the police jury.

Mr. Hodge stated that certain landowners have requested compensation for right-of-way needed in connection with the Caplis Sligo Road Bridge over Flat River, State Project No. 713-08-0110. He stated that appraisal of these properties is required in order for the landowners to receive just compensation in accordance with The Federal Relocation and Assistance Act. Mr. Hodge stated that a proposal in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 has been received from David Volentine for the required appraisal services.

Ms. Monica Grappe, Right-of-Way Agent, stated that funds are budgeted for the appraisals, and advised that the parish must comply with all requirements of the Department of Transportation and Development in the acquisition of property for this project.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to accept the proposal of David Volentine in an amount not to exceed \$7,500, for the appraisal of property needed for completion of the Caplis Sligo Road Bridge over Flat River, State Project No. 713-08-0110, and 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 connection with the proposal of David Volentine, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500, for the appraisal of properties in connection with the Caplis Sligo Road Bridge over Flat River, State Project No. 713-08-0110.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt a resolution authorizing the acquisition of property and/or the institution of expropriation proceedings pursuant to a Local Services Agreement executed between the Parish of Bossier and the City of Bossier City necessary for the construction and completion of State Project No. 713-08-0110, Caplis Sligo Road Bridge over Flat River.**

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND/OR INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO A LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT EXECUTED BETWEEN THE PARISH OF BOSSIER AND THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF THE CAPLIS SLIGO BRIDGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier have joined together pursuant to a Local Services Agreement to, among other things, construct the Caplis Sligo Bridge Project over Flat River S.P. No. 713-08-0110 (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the Parish is in the process of acquiring the needed properties necessary to facilitate construction and completion of the Project;

WHEREAS, the Project will require the acquisition of parcels of property specifically including, but not limited to, parcels or tracts of land from the following property parcel/tracts:

- Parcel No. 1-1 Frances Knox Family Trust
- Parcel No. 1-2 Robert Michael Cothran
- Parcel No. 1-3 Ashlie Denise Walpole Plunkett
- Parcel No. 1-4 William A. Lucky, III and Vickie Talley Lucky
- Parcel No. 1-5 Harry Scott Henderson and Sherry Lou Talley Henderson
- Parcel No. 1-6 Joseph E. Caplis, Jr. and Margaret L. Caplis

WHEREAS, some of the landowners desire to donate the parcels for the Project;

WHEREAS, if offers of compensation for the purchase of the necessary additional parcels of property and/or right-of-ways are not accepted by any property owner, and a voluntary agreement and/or settlement for the purchase of said property cannot be reached on any of said property parcels listed above, then in that event the Parish of Bossier, acting under the authority of and in a manner authorized by Article 1, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana (1974) and La. R.S. 19:1, et seq. and/or La. R.S. 48:441 et. seq. or any other applicable laws of the State of Louisiana, desires to acquire said property by expropriation pursuant to applicable law; and

WHEREAS, public necessity dictates that the properties and/or parcels described herein must be owned by and subject to use by the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, in regular session convened, that Parish is authorized to acquire all property necessary to facilitate construction and completion of the Project, including, if necessary the filing and prosecution of any expropriation or taking actions related to the Project in the proper court of law and the Parish Attorney, pursuant to the Local Services Agreement between the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier, is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owner or owners of record as they might be at the time of the filing, of the properties, parcels or tracts described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish Administrator is authorized and empowered to execute all conveyance instruments, including purchase agreements, acts of sale, acts of donation, rights of way or servitude agreements, related to the Project, and to execute any and all other documents necessary to complete the Project, and to pursue any necessary expropriation actions related to the Project, whether or not involving the property tracts and/or owners referred to herein, and to execute any documents pursuant to such terms and conditions as he shall in his sole discretion deem advisable, and is authorized to execute any other document related to the Project and do any and all things necessary and proper to carry out this Resolution and to fulfill its objects and purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the law firm of Wiener, Weiss & Madison, P.C. be and is hereby authorized to assist the Parish Attorney with the expropriation proceedings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all actions of the Parish Administrator, agents and attorneys regarding the negotiation and execution of all conveyance instruments, including purchase agreements, acts of sale, acts of donation, rights of way or servitude agreements, related to the Project, be and are hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this Resolution or application thereof is invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications and to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to accept a proposal from Mohr and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$9,800, for surveying services and construction plans for drainage improvements on Turning Leaf Trail in Forest Hills Subdivision, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 Mohr and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$9,800, for surveying services and construction plans for drainage improvements on Turning Leaf Trail in Forest Hills Subdivision.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 2 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.**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Amendment No. 2 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 Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Ms. Cindy Dodson, Parish Secretary, advised that the 2012 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition is scheduled for July 13-17, 2012, in Pittsburgh, PA, and requested that any jurors interested in attending this conference contact her.

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Ms. Dodson presented a letter of appreciation from Apollo Elementary School for the police jury's assistance in providing discretionary funds for the purchase of robotic kits for the Robotic Club.

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

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Mr. Butch Ford, Parish Engineer, reported on the 2012 Police Jury Association Convention held in Houma, Louisiana, advising that the convention was very informative. He stated that there was discussion of the Haynesville Shale natural gas production. Mr. Jackson presented a map indicating the number of oil and gas wells in Bossier Parish.

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Mr. Ford reported on a meeting held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at Parkway High School regarding the Sligo Road Extension (Sligo Road to Highway 527), advising that citizens presented questions and expressed interest in the proposed route.

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Mr. Ford reported on a meeting with officials from the Corps of Engineers and the Bossier Parish Levee District to discuss the Bodcau study.

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Mr. Ford reported on a meeting with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, advising that FEMA has ruled in the parish's favor on the protest of flood maps for various properties in south Bossier Parish.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on the Bellevue Road Improvements Project, advising that Bellevue Road will be reduced to one lane for approximately seven days beginning March 12, 2012, from Mid South Loop to the railroad crossing. He stated that message boards will be on site and detour signs will be provided advising the public of an alternate route at Winfield Road.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on the Arthur Ray Teague Extension project.

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Mr. Ford reported that a meeting is scheduled tomorrow to discuss Harbor Landing Road, a tacitly dedicated road, advising that there are traffic safety issues on this road.

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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.

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Mr. Rimmer reported on a Town Hall meeting with the State Superintendent of Education regarding Education Reform in Louisiana.

Mr. Rimmer reported that he attended the Mayor’s Brunch at Bossier Parish Community College, advising that several items were discussed. He further reported that he attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Margaritaville Casino in Bossier City.

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Mr. Rimmer requested the status of placing “Children at Play” signs on Coy Road. Mr. Andrews is to review this matter. He requested that the City of Bossier City be contacted regarding “Children at Play” signs at the entrance to Lafayette Park.

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Mr. Darby reported on the 2012 Police Jury Association Convention held in Houma, LA, advising that a reduction in funding to rural hospitals was discussed.

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Mr. Hammack requested a copy of the budget for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter and for the Juvenile Detention Center.

A meeting of the Capital Improvements/Building & Grounds Committee is scheduled on March 21, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., to discuss the new maintenance plan for parish owned facilities. Mr. Hammack encouraged all jurors to attend this meeting.

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Mr. Benton reported on the 2012 Police Jury Association Convention, commending Mr. Ford and Mr. Jackson for their presentation on oil and gas activity in Bossier Parish.

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Mr. Benton advised that approximately 22 acres near the site of the new detention center is available for purchase, and requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Rocky Rockett, Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation, asking them to proceed with obtaining an appraisal of the 22 acres for consideration as a future business park. The jury concurred.

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In response to a request by Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Jackson reported that as of February, 2012, there are 125 Haynesville Shale wells and 8,464 other oil/gas wells in Bossier Parish.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:06 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY