

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
September 19, 2012  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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. Glenn Benton, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Sonny Cook. 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, excused
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. 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. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt the minutes of the August 1, 2012, and the August 15, 2012, regular meetings, and the August 15, 2012, 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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Mr. Ken Latin, Sci-Port: Louisiana's Science Center, presented information on exhibits and programs offered by Sci-Port, and extended an invitation to jurors to visit the current exhibit of artifacts from the Titanic.

Mr. Latin requested a budget appropriation of \$12,000 for the year 2013 for Sci-Port, advising that if approved, the requested funding will allow Bossier Parish citizens residing outside the corporate limits of the City of Bossier City limits to visit the facility at a reduced admission rate on the first Tuesday of each month. He stated that on "Terrific Tuesdays", residents of Bossier City pay a reduced admission fee of \$3.00 to visit Sci-Port, advising that the current admission fee is \$13.00. Mr. Latin stated that the City of Bossier City provides funding each year to Sci-Port, and these funds are used to allow city residents to visit the facility on "Terrific Tuesdays" at the reduced rate.

Mr. Latin stated that Sci-Port wants to be able to offer parish residents the reduced admission rate on the first Tuesday of each month, and urged the jury to consider approval of this request.

The request will be considered during budget proceedings.

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Mr. Kenneth Starnes, Section 8 Housing, presented the Annual Agency Plan, advising of two changes mandated by The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He stated that Subsidy Standards have changed to two persons per bedroom, and Payment Standards have changed to 90% of the FY 2013 Fair Market Rents. Mr. Starnes stated that the reduction in the Fair Market Rent Standard will result in approximately \$15 less per month in payment to the tenants. He stated that the actual rental cost per unit is \$418 per month, and HUD is basing payment on a per-unit cost of approximately \$336 per month.

Mr. Starnes advised that HUD does not have a budget or continuing resolution at this time to fund Section 8 Housing. He stated that funds for the Section 8 Housing program are low at this time, and requested authority to utilize funds from the Section 8 Housing Administrative Reserve to meet monthly housing assistance obligations for the month of October. Mr. Starnes stated that HUD funding in the amount of approximately \$47,000 is expected shortly, but at this time, October housing payments must be processed.

**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to amend the agenda to discuss approval of the Section 8 Housing Annual Agency Plan, including changes in Subsidy Standards and in Payment Standards, as mandated by HUD, and a request for use of funds from the Section 8 Housing Administrative Reserve as required to meet the October, 2012, housing assistance payment obligations.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

**AYES:** Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cook, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Plummer

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve the Section 8 Housing Annual Agency Plan, including changes in Subsidy Standards and in Payment Standards, as mandated by HUD.**

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. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to authorize the use of funds from the Section 8 Housing Administrative Reserve as required to meet the October, 2012, housing assistance payment obligations.**

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

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Mr. Robert Berry, Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District, stated that he was appointed by the Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jerry Juneau, and currently serves as the police jury's representative. He discussed the appointment of members to the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation and Water

Conservation District Board of Directors, advising that upon expiration of a board member's term, the entity which he represents will now be asked to make a recommendation for reappointment of the existing member, or for the appointment of a new member.

Mr. Berry advised of legal matters pertaining to land encroachment on Cypress Lake, and recommended that IBTS be notified and asked to review all plans for construction in the Cypress Lake area.

Mr. Berry advised that they are working to increase the number of visitors to the park. He stated that the number of visitors has decreased over the past two years and stated that it is important for the park to be utilized by the public. Mr. Berry stated that walking and bike trails are needed and suggested that a large field area at the park be used as a practice field for youth football and/or soccer teams. He stated that the board is receptive to any ideas or suggestions for increasing public use of the facility.

Mr. Berry stated that the Cypress-Black Bayou recreation area and park have had no major upgrades in 37 years. He stated that the facilities are a tremendous asset to the citizens of Bossier Parish.

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Ms. Dodson announced that the police jury will now convene as a Board of Tax Review to hear protests on 2012 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor.

The President announced the protests of Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. Mr. Sebastian Rodrigano, Popp Hutcheson, 1301 S. Mopac, Suite 430, Austin, TX, and Ms. Christy Harlow, Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Duncan, OK, were present on behalf of the taxpayer.

Mr. Rodrigano referred to the protest of assessed values on property at 3853 Industrial Circle, Bossier City, LA, Assessment No. 168930. He stated that equipment used in conjunction with Halliburton Energy Services professional wireline rental service are located at this site and advised that the equipment in question consists of rental lifting and service equipment.

Mr. Rodrigano presented the protest of assessed values on property at 4908 Industrial Drive Extension, Bossier City, LA, Assessment No. 145545. He stated that materials and equipment used in connection with drilling fluid services are located at this site.

Mr. Rodrigano presented the protest of assessed values on property at 4720 Industrial Drive Extension, Bossier City, LA, Assessment No. 146141. He stated that this location serves as the Halliburton Energy Services Bossier City Field Camp.

Mr. Rodrigano stated that Halliburton Energy Services is requesting that a reduction in values as assessed by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor be considered on the aforementioned personal property situated in Bossier Parish. He stated that the personal property items are necessary in business services used in the oil and gas industry, such as truck mounted service equipment, pumps, generators, controls, downhole tools and completion equipment.

Mr. Rodrigano stated that the oil and gas drilling industry has experienced a considerable slowdown in 2012, advising that natural gas prices have decreased significantly since 2011. He further stated that there has been a substantial decline in development of the Haynesville Shale and stated that oil and gas drilling in North Louisiana and East Texas is down by approximately 42%. Mr. Rodrigano stated that due to the decline in oil rig count, there are less jobs requiring use of the equipment and stated that Halliburton has chosen to leave its equipment at the Bossier locations and employ it for use in other areas, primarily West Texas.

Mr. Rodrigano stated that the cost to shuttle the equipment to and from West Texas is significant. He stated that in accordance with Cost Approach Procedures of the Louisiana Tax Commission, economic and/or functional obsolescence may be considered when the fair market value of the business and industrial personal property is affected. Mr. Rodrigano explained that Functional Obsolescence is loss in value due to the lack of utility or desirability of part or all of the personal property in question. He stated that Economic Obsolescence is loss in value due to causes outside the property and independent of it. Mr. Rodrigano stated that Halliburton Energy Services is requesting consideration of a 30 percent Economic Obsolescence reduction in the assessed value of certain categories of machinery and equipment for 2012.

Mr. Bobby Edmiston, Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, and Mr. Dale Sale, Bossier Parish Tax Assessor's office, addressed the jury. Mr. Sale stated that Halliburton Energy Services requested a 30 percent Functional Obsolescence reduction in the assessed value of certain categories of machinery and equipment for the year 2011. He stated that Halliburton Energy Services has not provided sufficient data to prove that obsolescence has occurred.

Mr. Edmiston stated that Halliburton Energy Services has been located in Bossier Parish for many years, and provides other services which are not related to development of the Haynesville Shale.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to uphold the assessment of personal property owned by Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., located at (1) 3853 Industrial Circle, Bossier City, LA, (2) 4908 Industrial Drive Extension, Bossier City, LA, and (3) 4720 Industrial Drive Extension, Bossier City, LA, each as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor.**

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

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Tax Review on September 19, 2012, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing protests on 2012 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, in accordance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.

(Personal property)

Legal Description: Personal property located on TR 3D2A, Sec. 24, T18N, R13W, 4908 Industrial Drive, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 145545

Protested Assessed Value: \$1,800,090

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and Mr. Sebastian Rodrigano appeared before the Board of Tax Review representing the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 145545 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$1,800,090.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.

(Personal property)

Legal Description: Personal property located on TR 3C, Sec. 24, T18N, R13W, 4720 Industrial Drive, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 146141

Protested Assessed Value: \$14,443,540

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and Mr. Sebastian Rodrigano appeared before the Board of Tax Review representing the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 146141 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$14,443,540.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.

(Personal property)

Legal Description: Personal property located on Lot 14, M & O Industrial Park, 3853 Industrial Circle, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 168930

Protested Assessed Value: \$1,037,890

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and Mr. Sebastian Rodrigano appeared before the Board of Tax Review representing the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 168930 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$1,037,890.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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The President announced the protest of Toy R Us, 2918 East Texas Street, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the taxpayer.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to uphold the assessment of property owned by Toys R Us at 2918 East Texas Street, Bossier City, LA, as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor.**

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Tax Review on September 19, 2012, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing protests on 2012 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, in accordance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: TRU 2005 RE I, LLC

Legal Description: Toys R Us, 2918 E. Texas Street, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 139153

Protested Assessed Value: \$254,920

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and no one appeared before the Board of Tax Review representing the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 139153 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$254,920.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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The President announced the protest of Olive Garden Restaurant, 2935 Meadow Creek Drive, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the taxpayer.

**Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to uphold the assessment of property owned by Olive Garden Restaurant, 2935 Meadow Creek Drive, Bossier City, LA, as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor.**

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

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WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: GMRI, Inc.

Legal Description: Olive Garden Restaurant, 2935 Meadow Creek Drive, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 169312

Protested Assessed Value: \$227,780

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and no one appeared before the Board of Tax Review representing the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 169312 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$227,780.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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Ms. Dodson announced that a protest was received from Ms. Rose Harris, 1744 Linton Road, Benton, LA, but was subsequently withdrawn by the taxpayer.

There being no further protests, the Board of Tax Review was adjourned by the President.

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Mr. Ford recommended that the low bid of Best Yet Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$432,040.05, be accepted for the Young Road Overlay Project No. 2012-361. **Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to award the bid for the Young Road Overlay Project No. 2012-361, to Best Yet Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$432,040.05, low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on September 6, 2012.**

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:
Benton & Brown, LLC	\$451,922.00
Best Yet Builders, LLC	\$432,040.05
Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service	\$461,136.00

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to authorize the advertising for bids for the Princeton Sports Complex – Fencing and Lighting at New Ball Fields FPC #50-J08-11-01, bids to be received October 30, 2012.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on October 3, 2012, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 8-A, being a resubdivision of Lots 26, 27 and 28, Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 8, located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 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. Brotherton, to schedule a public hearing on October 17, 2012, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Forest Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 11, located in Sections 13 and 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 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. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to schedule a public hearing on October 3, 2012, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of St. Charles Court Village Subdivision, Unit No. 4, located in Section 20, 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. Mike Vetkoetter, Property Standards Officer, presented photographs of property located at 308 Pease Road, Haughton, LA, advising that the property owner is working to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations. After further discussion, it was recommended that the property owner be allowed an additional 30 days in which to complete clean up of the property.

**Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Darby, to allow the owner of property at 308 Pease Road, 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 November 7, 2012, regular meeting.

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Mr. Vetkoetter reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review, advising that it is recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled to consider condemnation of property at 7515 Booker Road, Benton, LA, and 315 Briars Court, Bossier City, LA.

**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to schedule a condemnation hearing on October 3, 2012, to consider condemnation of property at 7515 Booker Road, Benton, 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. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to schedule a condemnation hearing on October 3, 2012, to consider condemnation of property at 315 Briars Court, Bossier City, 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. Shewmake, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to ratify and accept the recommendation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Board of Appeals on September 5, 2012, to uphold the findings of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Commanding Officer, in the matter of Allstar Construction and Hauling, Report Nos. 389 and 468, issued on March 26, 2012, and June 25, 2012.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt a resolution supporting an application for funding in the amount of \$50,000 through the FY2012-2013 Local Government Assistance Program for the extension of water lines along Sligo Road for the Sligo Water System.**

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 19th day of September, 2012, that it does hereby approve and support an application to the Local Government Assistance Program, for funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the extension of water lines along Sligo Road for the Sligo Water System.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of September, 2012.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to reappoint Ms. Jacqueline Gore to the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control for a five-year term, term to expire October 1, 2017.**

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 Ms. Gore for her years of service, and willingness to continue to serve on the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to recommend Ms. Jerry Jenkins for interim appointment to the office of Justice of the Peace, District 3, Bossier Parish, LA, to fill a vacancy due to the death of Mr. Jack Cook, until such time as a special election is held on April 6, 2013, to fill said vacancy.**

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. Benton, to approve the application of Jorge Trejo, Juan L. Monzon, Laura Trejo, and Francisco Trejo, for a 2012 beer license at Trejo's Mexican Restaurant, 6511 Highway 80, Princeton, LA.** The application has been approved by the Sheriff's Department and the Health Department.

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. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to accept the streets and drainage in St. Charles Court Village Subdivision, Unit No. 3, 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. 4453

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, has received a request from H & H Contracting Company, Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in St. Charles Court Village Subdivision, Unit No. 3, 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 Ordinances.

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of H & H Contracting Company, 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, the streets and drainage located in St. Charles Court Village Subdivision, Unit No. 3, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

Poydras Avenue – 0.096 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to adopt a resolution authorizing Mr. William Altimus, Parish Administrator, to execute a Memorandum of Cooperative Endeavor between the City of Bossier City and the Bossier Parish Police Jury in connection with the South Bossier Park.**

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, that it does hereby authorize William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, to execute a Memorandum of Cooperative Endeavor between the City of Bossier City and the Bossier Parish Police Jury, in connection with funding to be used for infrastructure for the South Bossier Park.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012

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**Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve an expenditure of \$15,000 to participate with the City of Bossier City in the cost for update of the Unified Development Code to provide for more comprehensive and improved architectural standards for businesses located inside the City of Bossier City, and within the five-mile MPC area outside the corporate limits of the City of Bossier City.**

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

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Mr. Ford stated that the cost to construct an additional noise barrier wall on Arthur Ray Teague Parkway is approximately \$164,000. He stated that he does not feel an additional wall will resolve the noise problem and recommended that a noise study be considered after the extension project is complete. Mr. Ford further suggested that planting trees along the parish right-of-way be considered.

Mr. Ford advised of a noise complaint from a homeowner whose home was built after construction began on the parkway project. He stated that a noise barrier wall is not possible at this location due to a levee, and the landowners have agreed to fencing and planting trees to help deter noise. Mr. Ford advised that the cost to the parish for the trees and fencing is approximately \$30,000 to \$45,000, and that the landowners will be required to plant the trees and install the fencing within a certain time frame. He stated that the landowner will be responsible for all maintenance of the trees and fencing, as this will be located on private property. Mr. Ford advised that he will submit a plan change at the October 3, 2012, regular meeting, which will address the proposed noise deterrents.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to accept a proposal from Nixon Engineering Solutions in the amount of \$6,900 for hydrologic and hydraulic analysis on the La Hwy 157 bridge over Flat River, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a proposal with Nixon Engineering Solutions in the amount of \$6,900 for hydrologic and hydraulic analysis on the La Hwy 157 bridge over Flat River.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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Mr. Ford presented a proposal from Dewberry in the amount of \$57,500 to provide a No-Rise Certificate for the raising of seven miles of the Guideline Levee. He stated that FEMA regulations require that before improvements can be made to a levee, proof must be shown that citizens residing near the levee will not be adversely affected and that there will be no rise in water elevation to those areas due to the improvements. Mr. Ford stated that the Levee Board is providing all funds for improvements to the Guideline Levee, and has requested that the parish be responsible for obtaining the No-Rise Certificate. It was recommended that the City of Bossier City participate in the cost of obtaining a No-Rise Certificate, as these improvements will benefit residents of the City of Bossier City. After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to accept the proposal of Dewberry in the amount of \$57,500, to provide a No-Rise Certificate for raising seven miles of the Guideline Levee, and to authorize the**

**President to execute documents, subject to the City of Bossier City participating in the cost for the project.**

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

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a proposal with Dewberry in the amount of \$57,500 to provide a No-Rise Certificate for raising seven miles of the Guideline Levee.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

CINDY DODSON  
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**Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to adopt a resolution supporting Priority Hospital Group, LLC, 1000 Chinaberry Drive, Ste. 200, Bossier City, LA, and allowing them to receive the local benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program.**

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

**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION STATING THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY'S ENDORSEMENT OF PRIORITY HOSPITAL GROUP, LLC, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, and Act 624 and Act 647 of 1997 state the requirements of Louisiana's Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated census Tract 111.04, Block Group 1 in Bossier Parish as "Enterprise Zone" eligible based on enabling legislation R.S. 51.21.1787-1791; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury states that this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the Parish of Bossier; and

WHEREAS, the **attached Enterprise Zone map** has been marked to show the location of the business being endorsed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program, the Bossier Parish Police Jury agrees:

- 1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.
- 2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, that Priority Hospital Group, LLC, and their project new business, 1000 Chinaberry Drive, Ste. 200, Bossier City, Enterprise Zone Application #20121059, is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid 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 resolution was offered by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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

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Mr. Ford reported that he will notify jurors when the Levee Board Policy Committee meeting is scheduled to discuss the proposed Jamestown Subdivision.

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Mr. Ford advised that the Sligo Road Off-System Bridge Project will be let on October 10, 2012, and is planned to begin at the beginning of 2013. He stated that once the dates of road closure have been determined, the public will be notified.

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Mr. Ford provided updates on the Palmetto Road and Kingston Road projects, advising that both projects should be complete next week.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on the Gary Rex Circle project, advising that construction should begin shortly.

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Mr. Ford advised that a meeting is scheduled with Mr. Bruce Logan in the morning to discuss the proposed subdivision on Tall Pines Road, as well as the Shadow Lake Dam in Dogwood Subdivision.

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Mr. Ford reported on a meeting held with Mr. Jim Davlin, Code Inspections Plus, advising that Mr. Davlin will not be submitting a proposal for code inspection services for Bossier Parish. He stated that Mr. Davlin would like to participate in the review of proposals, as he has some suggestions for improved services in the parish.

Mr. Ford is to schedule a Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee meeting to consider the proposals from the City of Bossier City and IBTS for code inspection services for Bossier Parish.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway project, advising that the noise barrier walls are being installed, and that the deadline to complete the project is February 6, 2013.

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Mr. Ford advised that Notice to Proceed has been issued for the State Project No. 576-08-0001(333)/H.009254, Flood Control Improvements to Tall Timbers Lateral, Phase 3, and clearing should begin this week.

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Mr. Ford reported that construction on the road for the South Bossier Park has begun, and that the old fire station building is being moved to a two-acre lot at the South Bossier Park to serve as a highway yard for Bossier Parish and a maintenance yard for the park.

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Mr. Avery advised that G & H Development, LLC, has requested that the public hearing scheduled on October 3, 2012, to consider the application of G & H Development, LLC, for a zoning amendment, be postponed until the November 7, 2012, regular meeting. He stated that public notices have already been mailed, and notice of the hearing has been advertised in the Bossier Press Tribune for the October 3, 2012, meeting.

Mr. Jackson stated that customarily, it is the policy of the police jury that once a notice has been published and provided to the public, the public hearing will remain as scheduled. He stated that a request for a continuance may be submitted during the public hearing, once all parties have been allowed to present their case.

It was the consensus of the jury, to deny the request for postponement. The public hearing to consider the application of G & H Development, LLC, for a zoning amendment will be held on October 3, 2012, as scheduled. Mr. Ford is to contact representatives of G & H Development, LLC.

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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. Benton requested a "Narrow Road" sign at the railroad crossing on Tall Pines Road. He stated that the crossing is a one-lane crossing, but the roadway is two lanes, and advised that vehicles are being damaged going over the tracks to avoid an oncoming vehicle. Mr. Ford and Mr. Andrews are to further review this matter.

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Mr. Jackson advised that on September 5, 2012, the police jury approved a 365-day extension to the Option to Purchase for Doerle Bossier Property, LLC, for the purchase of 28.191 acres, Lot 1, Commerce Industrial Park, with the stipulation that Doerle Bossier Property, LLC, will pay a deposit in the amount of \$20,000. He stated that Doerle has agreed to the stipulation of a \$20,000 deposit, but is now requested an extension of 18 months in lieu of the 12-month extension. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the police jury that the 365-day extension as approved on September 5, 2012, will remain in effect.

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#### Finance Committee Meeting – September 19, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with Mr. Darby and Mr. Plummer absent.

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Ms. Tamara Crane, Bossier Council on Aging, requested a budget appropriation of \$150,000 for the year 2013. She stated that the requested amount includes an additional \$45,000 for the year 2013, for possible establishment of a senior citizen center in Benton. Ms. Crane stated that a building has been offered for a period of one year at no cost to the Council on Aging for location of the proposed Benton center, and advised that the additional \$45,000 will be used for equipment and staffing at the Benton location.

Ms. Crane provided information on programs offered by the Bossier Council on Aging, and advised that there is also a need for a center in the Haughton area. She stated that she is working with Mayor Anderson on locating a suitable site.

Jurors thanked Ms. Crane for her report and advised her that the 2013 budget request for the Bossier Council on Aging will be considered during budget proceedings.

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Ms. Leigh Anne Chambers, Bossier Arts Council, requested that the police jury consider an appropriation of \$25,000 to the Bossier Arts Council for 2013, and provided information on programs offered by the Bossier Arts Council. The request will be considered during budget proceedings.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$138.99 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of August, 2012, as follows:**

Louisiana Key & Lock Service	\$125.00
American Appliance Service	\$ 13.99

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of August, 2012.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the request of Airline High School for discretionary funds for the purchase of a covered hitting facility for the girls' softball program, as follows:**

Discretionary		Matching	
Mr. Cochran	\$1,000.00	Mr. Cochran	\$ 274.30
Mr. Rimmer	\$ 500.00	Mr. Brotherton	\$ 500.00
Ms. Bennett	\$ 200.00		
Mr. Skaggs	\$1,300.00		
Mr. Cook	\$ 500.00		
Mr. Avery	\$5,725.70		
Total contribution:		\$10,000.00	

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, that Mr. Shewmake will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$200, Mr. Rimmer will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$90.14, and Mr. Darby will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$300, for a total of \$590.14, to Central Park Elementary School for supplies for the annual carnival.**

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

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the request of Benton High School for discretionary funds for the purchase of soccer equipment for the boys' soccer team, as follows:**

Discretionary		Matching	
Ms. Bennett	\$1,500.00	Mr. Skaggs	\$100.00
Mr. Cook	\$ 500.00	Mr. Brotherton	\$500.00
Mr. Avery	\$ 500.00	Mr. Shewmake	\$ 32.00
Mr. Skaggs	\$ 500.00		
Mr. Hammack	\$ 500.00		
Mr. Rimmer	\$ 300.00		
Mr. Shewmake	\$ 168.00		
Mr. Cochran	\$ 473.43		
Total contribution:		\$5,073.43	

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

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Ms. Sheryl Thomas, Parish Treasurer, presented requests for 2013 budget appropriations for the police jury's consideration. She stated that a budget workshop is scheduled on October 3, 2012, at 11:30 a.m. in the police jury conference room.

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The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:11 p.m.

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