

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 17th day of October, 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. Jack Skaggs. 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, Ms. Cindy Dodson, Parish Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt the minutes of the September 5, 2012, and the September 19, 2012, regular meetings, and the September 19, 2012, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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 St. Charles Court Village Subdivision, Unit No. 4, located in Section 20, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. The matter was tabled on October 3, 2012.

Mr. Adam Powell, Raley and Associates, Inc., stated that after meeting with Mr. Ford, Parish Engineer, the issue of providing access to the drainage pipe for parish maintenance has been resolved. Mr. Nguyen Kha, Assistant Engineer, stated that covenants are required.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve 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, subject to approval of the covenants by the Parish Engineer.**

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. 11, located in Sections 13 and 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Ed Kennon, developer, was present. There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve 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.**

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to schedule a public hearing on November 21, 2012, for adoption of the 2013 Bossier Parish Police Jury budget.

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

Mr. Cochran, Chairman of the Insurance Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee regarding group health insurance, advising that he, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, and Mr. Shewmake were present. He stated that Mr. Darby, Mr. Altimus and Ms. Sheryl Thomas, Parish Treasurer, were present, along with Mr. James Bustillo and Mr. Al Barrera, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana.

Mr. Cochran stated that the Insurance Committee is reviewing this matter and has no recommendations at this time.

Mr. Shewmake, Chairman of the Policy and Procedures Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Brotherton, and Mr. Plummer were present. He stated that Ms. Sheryl Thomas, Ms. Connie Cubley, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Hammack were also present.

Mr. Shewmake stated that job descriptions were reviewed by the committee, and it is recommended that the following new/revised job descriptions be approved;

Administrative Assistant to Parish Public Utilities/Parish Engineer – new
Noise Control Officer - new
Maintenance Worker I
Maintenance Worker II
Maintenance Worker III

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve new and/or revised job descriptions, as recommended by the Policy and Procedures Committee.

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

Mr. Jim Firth, Purchasing Agent, discussed renovation of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's offices on the first floor of

the courthouse, advising that additional improvements are needed. He stated that crews are unable to remove several bad stains in the carpeting and advised that replacement of the carpet is needed at an additional cost of \$5,542. He further stated that several doors must be replaced at an additional cost of \$3,846. Mr. Firth stated that the Sheriff has requested glass treatment in the reception area at a cost of \$800, and requested authorization for expenditure of an additional \$10,000, to complete renovation of the Sheriff's offices on the first floor of the courthouse.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to authorize an additional expenditure of \$10,000 for renovation of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Offices on the first floor of the courthouse.

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

Mr. Nguyen Kha, Assistant Parish Engineer, referred to the request of Mr. Larry Taylor for a variance of Chapter 54, Article II, Section 54-73 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, in order to proceed with the construction of a home on property located in a flood zone off Vanceville Road. He stated that the matter was discussed at the October 3, 2012, regular meeting, but due to a technical issue, is being presented today for further consideration.

Mr. Jackson stated that since the property is located in a floodway, this is a FEMA issue and the Floodplain Manager is required to make a determination as to whether he will grant a waiver of parish regulations for a building permit as it relates to the safety of the ingress and egress for ordinary and emergency vehicles in the event of flooding.

Mr. Larry Taylor presented plans for the proposed home, advising that a French Cottage style home is planned, to be constructed eight feet above the ground to accommodate parking beneath the home. He presented photographs of current homes located in the Vanceville Road area, advising that there is a mixture of home styles in the area.

Mr. Taylor stated that a low-water crossing is located on the property and advised that there are other areas throughout the parish that could be inundated during a 100-year flood event. He stated that he is willing to place railing along the road providing ingress and egress to his property to clearly mark the area so it is seen during a flood event. Mr. Taylor stated that he has purchased the adjoining lot for his son to build a home in the future, and is willing to grant an emergency access easement on the adjoining lot for a second ingress and egress to his property.

Mr. Hammack asked if the police jury can mandate that it be recorded in the deed records that ingress and egress to the property is below the base flood elevation and during certain times of the year the property may be inaccessible, so that a subsequent buyer will be aware of this issue. Mr. Jackson recommended that a notice be filed in the deed records to provide this information. Mr. Taylor stated that he has no objection to this request.

Mr. Skaggs expressed concern regarding a hole on the property from dirt work for the house pad, and requested a time when the hole will be filled in. Mr. Taylor stated that he will fill this hole in as soon as possible, advising that it will be done by next summer.

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve a variance of Chapter 54, Article II, Section 54-73 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, with the stipulation that (1) a notice is to be recorded in the deed records for this property that ingress and egress to the property is below the base flood elevation and during certain times of the year the property is inaccessible, and (2) an emergency access easement is to be granted by Mr. Taylor on the adjacent lot to provide additional ingress and egress to his property, and (3) ingress and egress must be clearly marked with railing so that access to the property is visible during a flood event.

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. Cook, to accept the proposal of Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$22,950, to provide engineering services for the FY2012 LCDBG Street Improvements Project, which includes certain streets in the DeMoss Hill Subdivision in Plain Dealing and 2nd Street in Benton, 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 17th day of October, 2012, that Rick Avery, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a proposal from Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$22,950 to provide engineering services for the FY2012 LCDBG Street Improvements Project, which includes certain streets in the DeMoss Hill Subdivision in Plain Dealing and 2nd Street in Benton.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cook. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of October, 2012.

CINDY DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to accept the streets and drainage in Cypress Bend Garden District 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. 4457

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 17th day of October, 2012, has received a request from Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Services, Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Cypress Bend Garden District 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 Ordinances.

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Services, 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 Cypress Bend Garden District Subdivision, Unit No. 4, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

- Canoe Trail – 0.135 mile
- Maize Street – 0.217 mile
- Ranger Drive – 0.107 mile
- Remington Drive – 0.118 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 17th day of October, 2012.

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PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Kha presented Plan Change No. 2 on the Gary Rex Circle Improvements Project No. 2011-323, advising that the plan change results in an additional cost of \$4,606. **Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve Plan Change No. 2 on the Gary Rex Circle Improvements Project No. 2011-323, 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 17th day of October, 2012, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 2 on the Gary Rex Circle Improvements Project No. 2011-323.

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

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of October, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Kha presented Plan Change No. 4 on the Parks Road Realignment Project No. 2012-356, advising that the plan change results in a deduct of -\$5,634.07. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve Plan Change No. 4 on the Parks Road Realignment Project No. 2012-356, 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 17th day of October, 2012, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 4 on the Parks Road Realignment Project No. 2012-356.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rick Avery, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 4.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of October, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to lift the current moratorium on the issuance of building permits on all approved and any additional new units of Family Circle Subdivision.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Jackson reported that the Second Circuit Court of Appeals recently ruled in the matter of Docket No. CW 12-47633, “Bossier Parish Police Jury versus Brandon and Kathleen Alsabrook”, stating that the Court of Appeals has ruled that the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances do not require the installation of sidewalks in Family Circle Subdivision. He stated that pending an appeal in this matter in January of 2012, the police jury placed a moratorium on any additional building permits in Family Circle Subdivision. Mr. Jackson stated that based on the ruling issued by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, writs will not be submitted to the Louisiana Supreme Court as he does not believe the ruling will be overturned. He recommended that the moratorium on the issuance of building permits in Family Circle Subdivision be lifted, allowing the subdivision to move forward as the restrictive covenants, or lack thereof allow, based on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals’ ruling.

Ms. Bennett asked if there is a way to protect a future purchaser of property in Family Circle Subdivision by making them aware that there are no covenants for this subdivision. Mr. Jackson stated that hopefully a potential buyer will perform title research prior to purchase of the property.

Mr. Johnny Rambo, 124 Family Circle, Benton, LA, advised that his grandfather developed Family Circle Subdivision, and was under the impression at that time that sidewalks are required by the parish in this subdivision. He stated that the plat that was approved by the police jury clearly indicates that sidewalks are to be placed at each home, and even though covenants were never filed, the requirement of sidewalks should be enforceable in accordance with the approved plat. Mr. Rambo stated that three of the existing homes have sidewalks.

Ms. Bennett stated that in order to enforce sidewalks in this subdivision, Mr. Rambo’s family should agree to

the preparation and filing of covenants for Family Circle Subdivision, advising that this should have been done at the time the approved plat was filed many years ago. She stated that the Second Circuit Court of Appeals has made a ruling stating that the parish cannot enforce the requirement of sidewalks in Family Circle Subdivision. Mr. Rambo stated that the family will not agree to covenants for Family Circle Subdivision.

Mr. John Pace, 112 Family Circle, Benton, LA, stated that when he purchased his property in Family Circle Subdivision, he was not allowed to move into his home until a sidewalk was constructed on his property. He stated that the cost of the sidewalk was included in the 30-year mortgage of his home, and asked if he will be reimbursed for the sidewalk if it was not in fact required when he built his home or in the alternative, can he remove the sidewalk. Mr. Jackson stated that a suit was brought against Mr. Alsbrook due to his failure to install a sidewalk at his home in Family Circle Subdivision, and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the parish advising that Mr. Alsbrook is not required to install a sidewalk. Mr. Pace requested confirmation that he can remove the sidewalk from his property at 112 Family Circle. Mr. Avery advised that based on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling, it appears he is allowed to do so.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cook, to reappoint Mr. Donald O'Neal, Mr. James Harner, and Mr. Gary Horton to the East-Central Bossier Parish Fire District No. 1 Board of Commissioners for two-year terms each, terms to expire December 31, 2014.

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. O'Neal, Mr. Harner, and Mr. Horton for their willingness to continue to serve on the board.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt a resolution offering support to Mr. Guy J. Cormier and Mr. Eric Soileau in their election to the office of Third Vice President for the Police Jury Association.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Guy Cormier is currently serving his fourth term as an elected official of St. Martin Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, Guy Cormier served as a councilman his first term and for the second, third, and current term as full-time Parish President; and

WHEREAS, Guy Cormier has been an active member of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana for the past 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Guy Cormier is also serving his third term as Executive Board Member from Region 3 of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Guy Cormier is currently serving as Vice-President and will be the Incoming President of Region 3 for the Police Jury Association; and

WHEREAS, Eric Soileau is currently serving in his third term as District 6 police juror of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, Eric Soileau has served on the Executive Board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana for the past two years as a Member-at-Large; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury convened on this 17th day of October, 2012, that both, Mr. Cormier and Mr. Soileau, are well qualified to fill the office of Third Vice President, and whichever candidate is ultimately elected to the position will be an asset to the Police Jury Association.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of October, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

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Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve the application of Kerry Hudnall, SGR Times Two, for a 2012 beer/liquor license at Perky's Pizza, 4723 Palmetto Road, Benton, LA, subject to approval by the health department. The application has been approved by the Sheriff's Department.

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 approve the application of Kerry Hudnall, Satisfied, LLC, for a 2012 beer/liquor license at Willow Chute Grocery, 4721 Palmetto Road, Benton, LA, subject to approval by the health department. The application has been approved by the Sheriff's Department.

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. Cook, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish of Bossier to acquire for \$65,000, certain real property from River Ranch Acres Company, LLC, a Louisiana limited liability company, located near Palmetto Road, in Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, containing 0.401 acres, more or less, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute all closing documents related thereto.

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 LOCATED IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA CONTAINING 0.401 ACRES, MORE OR LESS

WHEREAS, the Parish is in the process of acquiring the needed properties necessary to facilitate construction and completion of the Palmetto Road Widening Project (the "**Project**");

WHEREAS, the Project may require the acquisition of parcels of property, specifically including, but not limited to, parcels or tracts of land from the following property parcel/tracts (the "**Property**") owned by **RIVER RANCH ACRES COMPANY, LLC**, a Louisiana limited liability company:

A certain parcel of land containing 0.401 acres, more or less, situated in Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a found rock at the southeast corner of said Section 5 and proceed North 89° 55' 37" West along the south line of said Section 5 a distance of 106.44 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 89° 55' 37" West along said south line a distance of 46.78 feet to a point along the existing east right of way of Palmetto Road; thence leaving said south line proceed North 35° 35' 27" West along said existing east right of way of Palmetto Road a distance of 391.21 feet; thence proceed North 33° 45' 14" West along said existing east right of way of Palmetto Road a distance of 673.65 feet; thence leaving said existing right of way proceed North 89° 23' 22" East a distance of 17.91 feet to a point along the proposed east right of way of Palmetto Road; thence proceed South 33° 45' 14" East along said proposed right of way of Palmetto Road a distance of 663.61 feet; thence proceed South 35° 35' 27" East along said proposed right of way of Palmetto Road a distance of 256.95 feet; thence proceed South 41° 58' 37" East along said proposed right of way of Palmetto Road a distance of 78.74 feet; thence proceed South 45° 19' 29" East along said proposed right of way of Palmetto Road a distance of 84.26 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, all as further shown on a Map of Survey for Additional Right of Way for Palmetto Road, prepared by Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., dated October 16, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, in regular session convened, that Parish is authorized to acquire the Property from the owner or owners of record (collectively the "**Vendor**") in consideration of the sum of: (1) the payment of cash to AEP SWEPCO and AT&T for the benefit of Vendor for certain expenses necessary to relocate and bury certain electrical and telephone utility lines operated by AEP SWEPCO and AT&T which shall be buried within a 500' segment of the rear portion of the above described 0.401 parcel, as depicted on the sketch attached to the deed, in an amount not to exceed **FORTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE AND 85/100 (\$42,185.85) DOLLARS**; and (2) the payment of cash to Vendor in the amount of **TWENTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 15/100 (\$22,814.15) DOLLARS**.

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 Property, and is authorized to execute any other documents related to the acquisition of the Property 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 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 resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cook. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of October, 2012.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Exhibit A

Legal Description

One certain tract or parcel of land, together with all the improvements situated thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Northwestern Land District, Bossier Parish Louisiana, identified as **PARCEL NO(S) 9-1** on Sheet No. 1 of the property map for **STATE PROJECT NO. 744-08-0005, NORTH BOSSIER SHARED USE TRAIL, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA**, prepared by Douglas L. Filler, Professional Land Surveyor, dated November 19, 2010, said map being attached hereto and made a part hereof, which property is more particularly described as follows: **PARCEL NOS. 9-1**

From a point on the centerline of State Project No. 744-08-0005, at Station 50+86.46, proceed S69°48'50"W a distance of 10.03 feet to the point of beginning; thence proceed N36°53'45"W a distance of 112.93 feet to a point and corner; thence proceed N19°47'36"W a distance of 10.64 feet to a point and corner; thence proceed S89°40'29"E a distance of 21.23 feet to a point and corner; thence proceed along a curve to the right having a radius of 20.00 feet, whose length is 23.76 feet and whose chord length is 22.39 feet and bears S55°38'10"E to a point and corner; thence proceed S19°53'42"E a distance of 93.13 feet to the point of beginning. All of which comprises Parcel 9-1 as shown on Sheet 9 of the Right of Way Plans of State Project No. 74408-0005, and contains an area of 1898.4 square feet or 0.044 acres, Being a portion of vendor's property acquired by Deed in COB 1045, Page 799, Entry No. 568767, recorded on 1/11/04; COB 463, Page 827, Entry No. 228889, recorded on 11/4/70 of the records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Mr. Altimus reported that the annual Police Jury Association Region 4 meeting is being hosted by Caddo Parish on October 25, 2012, and will be held at the Municipal Auditorium in Shreveport. He stated that Mr. Benton has been re-nominated for election to the Police Jury Association Executive Board.

Mr. Altimus reported that the Lake Bistineau Task Force is conducting a donation ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 22, 2012, at the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Office located at the entrance to Camp Minden. He

stated that citizens living around Lake Bistineau raised funds to purchase an airboat and UTV, and will be donating these items to the State for use in salvinia eradication efforts on Lake Bistineau.

Mr. Altimus reported that a new website www.invasiveswatch.org has been created to provide public information and promote cooperation and communication among governmental agencies, groups, and individuals dedicated to protecting area lakes from giant salvinia and other invasive aquatic species such as alligator weed, hydrilla, and water hyacinth. He stated that the website focuses on Caddo Lake, Lake Bistineau, Black Bayou, Cross Lake and Wallace Lake in Northwest Louisiana, and both Caddo Lake and Lake O' the Pines in Northeast Texas.

Mr. Altimus stated that the website was developed by the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wetlands Research Center for the Caddo Lake Institute under a grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation. He stated that the website provides a unique map tracking tool that allows the public to monitor recent chemical and biological treatments, and the observations of volunteer weed wardens. He stated that the tool is currently available for both the Louisiana and Texas sides of Caddo Lake, and is expected to expand to include the other lakes in the near future.

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

Mr. Andrews presented photographs of the South Bossier Park, and of the extension of the boat launch at Parish Camp on Lake Bistineau.

Mr. Benton encouraged jurors to attend the Police Jury Association Region 4 meeting in Caddo Parish on October 25, 2012, and the donation ceremony being conducted by the Lake Bistineau Task Force on October 22, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Office located at the entrance to Camp Minden.

Mr. Jackson presented a proposed ordinance establishing handicapped parking regulations in the unincorporated areas of Bossier Parish. He stated that the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office has requested that the police jury consider this matter, and stated that adoption of the proposed ordinance will be considered at the November 7, 2012, regular meeting.

Mr. Jackson reported on complaints regarding a defunct sewer system located at 212 Johnson Drive, Elm Grove, LA, stating that it appears that there is no electricity connected to the sewer system. He stated that it appears the sewer system has been inoperable for several months, and is affecting the homes located near the area. He requested authorization to pursue legal action against owner of property at 212 Johnson Drive, Elm Grove, LA, in this matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to amend the agenda to consider authorizing the Parish Attorney to proceed with legal action in the matter of a defunct sewer system on property owned by James Haacker and Tracy Haacker at 212 Johnson Drive, Elm Grove, LA.

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: None

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to authorize the Parish Attorney to pursue legal action in the matter of a defunct sewer system on property owned by James Haacker and Tracy Haacker at 212 Johnson Drive, Elm Grove, LA.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Benton, to adjourn into executive session to discuss a proposed settlement in the matter of Docket No. 138,106-C "Bossier Parish Police Jury versus Brandon and Kathleen Alsabrook".

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

The meeting was reconvened and called to order by the President. No further action was taken.

Finance Committee Meeting – October 17, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 17th day of October, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with all members present.

Ms. Cindy Dodson, Parish Secretary, advised that Ms. Laura Perdue, Providence House, is unable to attend the meeting today.

Ms. Shonda Dotie and Mr. Rick Foreman, Volunteers for Youth Justice, were present. Ms. Dotie stated that she serves as the Director of Youth Programs and has been with Volunteers for Youth Justice for 14 years. She expressed appreciation to the police jury for their continued support and requested that the jury consider a budget appropriation of

\$45,000 to Volunteers for Youth Justice for the year 2013. Ms. Dotie stated that the funding will be used for the Bossier Jump Start Program.

Ms. Dotie stated that Volunteers for Youth Justice is a diversion program available to the 26th Judicial District Attorney's Office serving children who have committed minor offenses. She reported on various programs offered, advising that in completion of the Shoplifting Program, the child is required to return to the store in which the offense occurred and apologize to the owner. Ms. Dotie stated that children are also required to do community service through the program.

Ms. Dotie discussed the Power of Choice Program, advising that through this program, children are provided life skills and stated that this program is the most commonly used program by the District Attorney's Office. She stated that the Violence Program has been combined with the Power of Choice Program, and advised that parents are ordered by the court system to participate in these programs and are required to pay a one-time program fee of \$40.

Ms. Dotie stated that Volunteers for Youth Justice receives in-kind services from the Bossier City Court and from the Bossier Parish School Board, including office space, classrooms and computers. She stated that Volunteers for Youth Justice receives funding from the Caddo Parish Commission and from the City of Shreveport. Ms. Dotie reported that the Volunteers for Youth Justice received 299 referrals for the year 2011, and that 217 of the 299 completed the program. Mr. Darby stated that he is familiar with the programs provided by Volunteers for Youth Justice and commended them for their work.

Mr. Foreman, Executive Director, stated that the low recidivism rate for Caddo Parish is an indication that programs provided by the Volunteers for Youth Justice are a success.

The request will be considered during budget proceedings.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$265.85 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of September, 2012, as follows:

Area Wide	\$240.00
Swan Lake Hardware, LLC	\$ 12.23
R E Michel Company, Inc.	\$ 13.62

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

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of September, 2012.

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

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, that Ms. Bennett will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,000, Mr. Rimmer will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$156.25, and Mr. Avery and Mr. Skaggs will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$500 each, for a total of \$2,156.25, to Benton High School for the purchase of new practice and game uniforms for the girls' basketball team.

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

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the 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 17th day of October, 2012, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:30 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY