

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES

January 2, 2013

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 2nd day of January, 2013, 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 Ms. Wanda Bennett, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Mac Plummer. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Cindy Dodson, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

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

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

Mr. Ford recommended that the low bid of ASB Utility Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$182,529.20, be accepted for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements in Edwards Subdivision. **Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to award the bid for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements in Edwards Subdivision, to ASB Utility Construction, LLC, low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on December 20, 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:
ASB Utility Construction, LLC	\$182,529.20
David Lawler Construction, Inc.	\$209,975.77
Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.	\$304,007.15
JPD Construction, LLC	\$255,781.90
Pulley Construction, Inc.	\$266,974.60
Wicker Construction, Inc.	\$367,393.00
Yor-Wic Construction Company, Inc.	\$276,185.55

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the Plat of Survey for Carl W. Benson, Allen Rowe, Jr., and James Allen Rowe, located in Section 29, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

No one was present on behalf of the applicant/developer. Mr. Ford stated that the landowner is requesting approval to subdivide acreage located off Finley Road into three large lots for the purpose of selling the lots, and advised that the plat has been approved by the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission. He stated that a 40-foot private servitude has been granted to allow access to Lots 2 and 3, advising that the servitude is to be maintained by the property owner. Mr. Ford stated that Lot 1 can be accessed from Finley Road, and advised that a 40-foot utility and servitude of passage will be granted off Finley Road to allow additional access to Lot 3. He stated that no roads will be built.

Ms. Bennett expressed concern regarding access to the proposed Lots 2 and 3, advising that if there are no plans for paved roadways to these lots, the servitude of passage could become inaccessible. Mr. Benton expressed concern regarding the width of the servitude, advising that 40 feet may not be wide enough. Mr. Jackson stated that the parish typically does not require that driveways be paved.

Mr. Ford is to meet with Mr. Benson to discuss possibly paving the 40-foot servitude which provides access to Lots 2 and 3.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton, to table the public hearing to consider approval of the Plat of Survey for Carl W. Benson, Allen Rowe, Jr., and James Allen Rowe, located in Section 29, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, to be considered at the January 16, 2013, regular meeting.**

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to table the adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 118 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances by adding Article III, "Reserved Parking for the Handicapped", to be considered at the January 16, 2013, regular meeting.

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

Mr. Altimus advised that Mr. Clarence "Gene" Hillen, Constable for District 5, has been suspended of his duties as Constable for District 5 until such time as his appellate process has expired in the matter of a recent felony conviction, and that an interim appointment for this position is necessary. Sheriff Julian Whittington advised that a full-time deputy cannot be appointed to serve as Constable, and recommended that the police jury approve the interim appointment of a retired deputy, Mr. Charles Scholz, to the office of Bossier Parish Constable, District 5. Sheriff Whittington stated that Mr. Scholz is a resident of Benton, LA.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to appoint Mr. Charles Scholz as interim appointee to the office of Bossier Parish Constable, District 5.

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

unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to accept the proposal of Cook & Morehart, Certified Public Accountants, for audit of Bossier Parish Police Jury financial records for the year 2012, 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 2nd day of January, 2013, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a proposal with Cook & Morehart, Certified Public Accountants, for audit of Bossier Parish Police Jury financial records for the year 2012.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of January, 2013.

CINDY DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Bay Hills North and South Subdivisions Concrete Street Repair Project No. 2012-366, 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 2nd day of January, 2013, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Bay Hills North and South Subdivisions Concrete Street Repair Project No. 2012-366.

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

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cook. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of January, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

RICK AVERY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Bayou Bend/Cross Creek/Oak Creek Subdivisions Concrete Street Repair Project No. 2012-367, 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 2nd day of January, 2013, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Bayou Bend/Cross Creek/Oak Creek Subdivisions Concrete Street Repair Project No. 2012-367.

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. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of January, 2013.

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Mr. Altimus advised that the 2015 Road Overlay Program and the 2013 Bossier Parish Police Jury budget are now available on the parish website.

Mr. Ford reported that the contracts have been signed on the Princeton Sports Complex – Fencing and Lighting at New Ball Fields project, and advised that the pre-construction meeting for the project is scheduled on Monday, January 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Ford presented a fully executed agreement with the Department of Transportation and Development on State Project H.009436, for funding for the purchase and installation of regulatory and warning signs and flashing solar beacons at various locations along Bellevue Road, Parks Road, Sligo Road and Swan Lake Road in Bossier Parish.

Mr. Ford provided an update on right-of-way maps for the North/South Corridor project.

Mr. Ford stated that the execution of utility easements for the Dogwood Trail Bridge project is complete.

Mr. Ford reported that closings on several system acquisitions for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 were completed before the end of 2012.

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 advised that Seven Pines Road bridge has been repaired and is now open to the public.

Mr. Andrews presented photographs of condemned property at 553 Highway 162, Benton, LA, advising that parish crews have completed clean-up of the property. He stated that a lien on the property will be filed with the 26th Judicial District Clerk of Court's Office.

Jurors were provided with a copy of the Three Year Road Program adopted on December 19, 2012.

Ms. Bennett discussed a recent article in the Bossier Press Tribune regarding future projects for the City of Bossier City, the Town of Benton, and Bossier Parish.

A meeting of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee is scheduled on January 16, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., to discuss building code fees as proposed by IBTS and subdivision regulations outside the Benton-Parish MPC.

Mr. Jackson advised that trial proceedings in the matter of a health and sanitation violation by James and Tracy Haacker is set for Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Brotherton requested that the septic tank be pumped as soon as possible due to the foul odor at this location.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2nd day of January, 2013, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 2:25 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON
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