

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The Vice President, Mr. Doug Rimmer, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Jerome Darby, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Wayne Hammack. 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, Excused	Mr. Fred Shewmake
Mr. Sonny Cook	Mr. Jack Skaggs

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

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Mr. Jackson stated that a valid protest has been received in the matter of bids received on February 28, 2013, for the HVAC Repair Project at the Bossier Parish Library-Central Bossier Branch, due to defects in the construction documents. He stated that outdated documents were used, and certain laws have changed. Mr. Jackson recommended that the bids be rejected at this time. He stated that a temporary resolution for the HVAC system at the Central Library should be considered due to the upcoming hot weather, and recommended that the project be re-advertised for bids in the fall.

**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to reject all bids received on February 28, 2013, for the HVAC Repair Project, Bossier Parish Library-Central Bossier Branch, and to authorize the re-advertising for bids for this project.**

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

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider an appeal by G&H Development, LLC, to the denial of a request by G&H Development, LLC, to the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Appeals for plat approval for the development of Willow Creek at Benton Subdivision, located in Section 24, Township 20 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Curtis Shelton, Ayres, Warren, Shelton & Williams, Attorneys at Law, spoke on behalf of G&H Development, LLC, and provided jurors with materials for referencing during his presentation. He stated that included in these documents is a copy of Act 558 of 1956 of the Louisiana State Legislature, advising that Act 558 provides for the creation of the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission. Mr. Shelton referenced Article I, Section 3, of Act 558, stating that the Act provides that where applicable, Act 558 prevails over any other provisions of law that are in conflict with this Act. In response to question by Mr. Avery regarding other laws which may apply to zoning, Mr. Shelton stated that Section 3 also provides that where other laws are applicable, those laws apply as well, provided they are not in conflict with the provisions of Act 558. He stated that Act 558 is the primary authority for the Benton-Parish MPC and for the area of jurisdiction within the Benton-Parish MPC.

Mr. Shelton advised that Article I, Section 5, of Act 558, defines the Benton-Parish MPC as all land within the Village of Benton and all unincorporated land lying within five miles of the Village of Benton and within Bossier Parish. He further stated that Article 2, Section 4, of Act 558, states that the area of jurisdiction of the MPC is the area as defined in Article I, Section 5.

Mr. Shelton referred to Article 3, Section 3, of Act 558, which provides the procedures for subdivision plat approval. He stated that Section 3 states that "The Commission shall approve or disapprove a plat within forty-five days after the submission thereof; otherwise, such plat shall be deemed to have been approved and a certificate to that effect shall be issued by the commission on demand." He advised that Section 3 also states that "No plat shall be disapproved by the Commission without affording a hearing thereon." Mr. Shelton stated that in its submission of a proposed subdivision plat to the Benton-Parish MPC on November 9, 2012, G&H Development, LLC, was not afforded a hearing within forty-five days of its submission and it was never approved or disapproved, but returned to G&H Development, LLC, with a letter from Mr. Jackson, Parish Attorney, dated December 4, 2012. He stated that in his letter Mr. Jackson informed G&H Development, LLC, that the application was being returned because it was not accompanied by an application for rezoning. Mr. Shelton stated that Mr. Jackson's letter further stated that it is the interpretation of Ms. Nancy Penwell, Benton-Parish MPC Executive Director, that an application for any major subdivision of R-A land must be accompanied by an application for rezoning. He stated that in accordance with this interpretation, Ms. Penwell made the administrative determination that since the previous application for zoning on this R-A property may not be re-filed for a period of six months, the subdivision application may not be filed for that same period. Mr. Shelton stated that Mr. Jackson indicated in his letter that if G&H Development, LLC, disagrees with this determination, an appeal may be filed with the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Appeals. He stated that G&H Development, LLC, filed an appeal with the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Appeals, which was denied, and so they are here today seeking an appeal to that decision.

Mr. Shelton referred to a pamphlet provided to him by Ms. Penwell which is given to the public as being the ordinances and regulations that are in effect for the Benton-Parish MPC jurisdiction area. He stated that only parish ordinances are referenced in Mr. Jackson's letter, advising that there is no reference to the Zoning and Land Use regulations provided by Ms. Penwell from the Benton-Parish MPC. He stated that all public entities are required to make their ordinances or regulations available to the public when requested, and it should be determined whether this pamphlet is in fact the current ordinances in effect for the Benton-Parish MPC.

Mr. Shelton stated that it is his understanding that in accordance with Chapter 126, Section 1139 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, the Board of Appeals has the power to hear appeals where there is an alleged error in a

determination made by an administrative official. He stated that the Board of Appeals held a hearing on the appeal by G&H Development, LLC, to the determination made by Ms. Penwell on the proposed subdivision plat, and the board voted to uphold Ms. Penwell's decision. Mr. Shelton stated that the Board of Appeals did not deny jurisdiction to hear and make a vote on this appeal.

Mr. Avery stated that he needs clarification as to whether this appeal is for the zoning amendment that was denied by the Benton-Parish MPC in August of 2012, or on the proposed subdivision plat that was submitted to the Benton-Parish MPC on November 9, 2012. Mr. Shelton stated that it is their position that the proposed subdivision of this property does not require a zoning amendment. He stated that parish ordinances establish R-A zoning, which provides a use by right for single-family dwellings on lots that contain a minimum of 6,000 square feet.

Mr. Shelton stated G&H Development, LLC, originally applied for a zoning amendment on this property, as advised by Ms. Penwell. The application for a zoning amendment was denied by the Benton-Parish MPC and subsequently by the police jury. Mr. Shelton stated that he then reviewed parish ordinances and determined that rezoning is not required based on the "use by right" clause. He stated that the proposed subdivision plat was then submitted on November 9, 2012, to the Benton-Parish MPC with all required documentation.

Mr. Shelton referred to *WRW Properties, LLC vs. The City of Shreveport*, No. 47,657-CA, advising that the Second Circuit Court Appeals ruled that the Shreveport City Council violated WRW Properties, LLC's, use by right. He advised that in the last five years, the Court of Appeals has overturned the Shreveport City Council's denial of land use by a property owner three times.

Mr. Shelton stated that based on a property owner's use by right, the police jury should overturn the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Appeal's decision of denial, and approve G&H Development, LLC's, application for plat approval for the proposed development of Willow Creek at Benton Subdivision.

Mr. Benton asked if G&H Development, LLC, has a stamped receipt from the Benton-Parish MPC showing the date of submission of the application for plat approval on November 9, 2012. Mr. Shelton confirmed that the exchange on November 9, 2012, was video recorded, and that Ms. Penwell confirmed at the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Appeals hearing of the date and time she received the application.

Mr. Avery questioned the placement of a subdivision in R-A zoned areas in Bossier Parish, and Mr. Shelton stated that based on the law allowing use by right of property by the property owner, G&H Development, LLC, has the right to develop the proposed subdivision on the R-A zoned land.

Mr. Jackson advised that there is a pending federal lawsuit filed by G&H Development, LLC, on this matter. He stated that the normal procedure for an applicant who does not agree with a ruling by a Board of Appeals is to petition the district court. He stated that the Zoning and Land Use Regulations pamphlet that Mr. Shelton has referred to on several occasions, was adopted in 1992 by the Shreveport Council of Governments. Mr. Jackson stated that some, but not all contents of that document are applicable today, and advised that all rules and regulations must be adopted by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in order to be applicable for the unincorporated area within five miles of the Town of Benton. Mr. Jackson stated that all current ordinances approved by the police jury are available on Municode and/or in the minutes of the Bossier Parish Police Jury. He advised that the police jury adopted a new Code of Ordinances in 2003, which repealed any regulations that were not specifically adopted in the new code.

Mr. Jackson stated that R.S. 33:4780.47, which went into effect January 1, 1994, two years after the creation of the Zoning and Land Use Regulations pamphlet, states that anyone that is aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Appeals may present a petition to the district court of the parish in which the property affected is located. He stated that according to State law, the police jury does not have jurisdiction to reverse a decision by the Benton-Parish MPC Board of Appeals. Mr. Shelton stated that if the Zoning and Land Use regulations that are being provided to the public by the Benton-Parish MPC are not current regulations, they should not be allowed to hand that document out to the public.

Mr. Jackson recommended that the police jury deny jurisdiction in this matter. After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to deny jurisdiction in the matter of an appeal by G&H Development, LLC, to the denial of a request by G&H Development, LLC, to the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Appeals for plat approval for the development of Willow Creek at Benton Subdivision, located in Section 24, Township 20 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

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Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider abandonment of an existing right-of-way along Applewood Trail in Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 16, located in Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Ford stated that this right-of-way was originally provided as a turnout for a proposed roadway for an additional unit of Dogwood South Subdivision to be located west of Unit No. 16. He stated that in platting the proposed development, the roadway has been relocated approximately 20 to 30 feet to the east and the turnout is no longer needed. Mr. Ford recommended approval of the abandonment of the existing right-of-way as presented.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve abandonment of an existing right-of-way along Applewood Trail in Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 16, located in Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

#### ORDINANCE NO. 4472

AN ORDINANCE TO OFFICIALLY ABANDON AN EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG APPLEWOOD TRAIL, LOCATED IN DOGWOOD SOUTH SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 16, IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, that it does hereby abandon an existing right-of-way along Applewood Trail, located in Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 16, in Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, as follows:

A 0.019 acre tract of land located at the Northeast corner of Lot 495, Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 16.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury hereby reserves all oil, gas and mineral rights.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on April 3, 2013, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Jamestowne Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

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Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 7885 Highway 3, Benton, LA. Mr. Mike Vetkoetter, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property and reported that significant improvements have been made. Ms. Marilyn Rawls Brown was present on behalf of the property owner, Ms. LaMonica Rawls, and advised that the house is being demolished. She requested a 30-day extension in which to complete the demolition and cleanup.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Darby, to allow the owner of property at 7885 Highway 3, Benton, LA, an additional 30 days in which to complete demolition of the house and cleanup of the property, in accordance with property standards regulations.**

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

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Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 8666 Highway 3, Benton, LA. Mr. Vetkoetter presented current photographs of the property and reported that no changes or improvements have been made. Mr. Charles Matthews, property owner, advised that he is demolishing the house and requested that the jury allow him 90 days in which to complete the work. Ms. Bennett requested that the lot be cleaned up as well.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to grant the owner of property at 8666 Highway 3, Benton, LA, an extension of 90 days in which to complete demolition of the home and bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations.**

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

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Mr. Ford reported on a meeting of the Capital Improvements/Building & Grounds Committee, advising that Mr. Hammack and Mr. Plummer were present. He stated that he, Mr. Jim Firth, and Mr. Rimmer were also present.

Mr. Ford reported that it has been determined that deteriorated insulation in the motor of the courthouse chiller may have caused the motor to burn up. He stated that an insurance claim has been filed.

Mr. Ford stated that the motor for this particular chiller is no longer manufactured, and reported that a multi-stack compressor system is recommended. He stated that this multi-stack unit is a new technology being used, and is much quieter and more energy efficient. Mr. Ford stated that a cost estimate has been received and recommended that the new equipment be purchased as soon as possible. The jury concurred.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to ratify approval of a Settlement Agreement between B&J Floor Service, Inc., McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc., Cyber Innovation Center, Inc., City of Bossier City and Bossier Parish Police Jury, in connection with Resilient Terrazo Tile Flooring at the Cyber Innovation Center, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute documents.**

The Vice 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a Settlement Agreement between B&J Floor Service, Inc., McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc., Cyber Innovation Center, Inc., City of Bossier City and Bossier Parish Police Jury, in connection with Resilient Terrazo Tile Flooring at the Cyber Innovation Center.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
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Mr. Sandy Davis, Director of Caddo-Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, stated that due to cuts in state and federal funding, the FY2013 budget for the Caddo-Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is in a deficit of \$118,451.50. He further stated that these cuts will result in a loss of funding in the amount of \$236,903.00 for FY2014.

Mr. Davis stated that local contributions from the six governmental agencies that support the CBOHSEP total \$327,230.07, and advised that the police jury's portion of this funding is \$25,855. He requested that the police jury consider contributing an additional \$10,072.88 for FY2013, for a total contribution of \$35,927.88, and stated that for FY2014, an additional increase of \$10,072.88 will also be requested for a total contribution of \$46,000.76 for FY2014. Mr. Davis stated that he anticipates that federal funding will continue to diminish.

The matter was referred to the Homeland Security Committee for review. It was requested that Bossier City Mayor Lo Walker and Mr. Davis attend this committee meeting.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve the appointment of Mr. Russell Huckaby to the Board of Commissioners for South Bossier Fire District No. 2, filling a vacancy due to the death of Mr. Ron Schindall.**

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

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Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 7 on the Sligo Road Extension Project No. 2011-331, advising that this plan change results in a deduct in the amount of \$24,432.04. **Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve Plan Change No. 7 on the Sligo Road Extension Project No. 2011-331, and to authorize the President to execute documents.**

The Vice 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 7 on the Sligo Road Extension Project No. 2011-331.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jimmy Cochran, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 7.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Sligo Road Extension Project No. 2011-331, and to authorize the President to execute documents.**

The Vice 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Sligo Road Extension Project No. 2011-331.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jimmy Cochran, 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. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 5 on State Project No. 576-08-0001(333)/H.009254, Flood Control Improvements to Tall Timbers Lateral, Phase 3, advising that this plan change results in an additional cost of \$6,255. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve Plan Change No. 5 on State Project No. 576-08-0001(333)/H.009254, Flood Control Improvements to Tall Timbers Lateral, Phase 3, and to authorize the President to execute documents.**

The Vice 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 5 on State Project No. 576-08-0001(333)/H.009254, Flood Control Improvements to Tall Timbers Lateral, Phase 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jimmy Cochran, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 5.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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Mr. Ford stated that the Bossier Levee District has requested that the Willow Chute Bayou laterals FEMA map be updated from Kingston Road to Cross Creek Drive. He stated that the area referred to is in a Flood Zone A, and has never been studied. Mr. Ford stated that no base flood elevations have been established for this area. He stated that the Levee District is concerned regarding the increasing number of developments in this area and the impact this may have on Willow Chute Bayou.

Mr. Jackson stated that such a study may adversely affect existing landowners in the area. He further stated that if floodways are established, existing landowners may lose property values. After further discussion, no action was taken.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to change the name of a road located off Highway 3 just north of Plain Dealing in Section 10, Township 22 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from Industrial Drive to Anthony Products Drive.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4473

AN ORDINANCE TO OFFICIALLY CHANGE THE NAME OF A ROAD LOCATED OFF LA HIGHWAY 3, NORTH OF PLAIN DEALING IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM INDUSTRIAL DRIVE TO ANTHONY PRODUCTS DRIVE

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury meeting in regular and legal session on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, that it does hereby change the name of a road located off LA Highway 3, north of Plain Dealing in Section 10, Township 22 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from Industrial Drive to Anthony Products Drive.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to accept Anthony Products Drive into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4474

AN ORDINANCE TO OFFICIALLY ACCEPT ANTHONY PRODUCTS DRIVE LOCATED OFF LA HIGHWAY 3 IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, INTO THE PARISH ROAD SYSTEM FOR PERMANENT MAINTENANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, that it does hereby accept Anthony Products Drive located off LA Highway 3 in Section 10, Township 22 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance:

ANTHONY PRODUCTS DRIVE – 0.232 mile

The Ordinance was offered by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the appointment of Mr. John T. Green to the Board of Commissioners for Northeast Bossier Parish Fire District No. 5, to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Sarah VanDevender, and to adopt a resolution of appreciation to Ms. VanDevender for her years of service.**

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Sarah VanDevender has resigned from the Northeast Bossier Fire District No. 5 Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Ms. VanDevender has served in this capacity since her appointment by the police jury on February 1, 2007, and has worked diligently in serving the Northeast Bossier Fire District No. 5 and the citizens of Bossier Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, that it does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Ms. Sarah VanDevender for her years of dedicated service as a member of the Board of Commissioners for Northeast Bossier Parish Fire District No. 5, and does thank her for her willingness to serve the citizens of Bossier Parish in this capacity.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on the Wafer Road project, advising that the Finding of No Significant Impact documents have been received.

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Mr. Ford reported on the preconstruction meeting for the Caplis-Sligo Road Bridge over Flat River project, advising that the project will begin shortly. He stated that message boards will be placed on Caplis Sligo Road prior to the start of construction, and that the bridge will be closed for approximately six months.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on the Eastwood/Merrywoods Statewide Flood Control Project.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on the Princeton Sports Complex – Fencing and Lighting at New Ball Fields project.

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Mr. Ford advised that plans have been received for the South Bossier Park project, and that bids will be received on April 16, 2013.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on the New Barksdale Air Force Base Entrance at Bodcau Station Road Project No. 2013-399, advising that bids for the project will be received on April 2, 2013. He stated that he has not yet received the crossing agreement documents from Kansas City Southern, and advised that KCS is working on the necessary utility permits. Mr. Ford stated that he is working to get all issues resolved.

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Mr. Ford discussed the Dogwood Trail Bridge project, advising that right-of-way for the project has been cleared. He stated that he is currently working to resolve a problem regarding the utility easement for American Electric Power. He stated that a meeting with utility companies is scheduled on Friday, at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Jackson stated that the Parish of Bossier has a Franchise Agreement with AEP which allows AEP to use the parish easement for utilities.

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Mr. Ford reported that plans for the proposed treatment plant for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, are being forwarded to the Department of Environmental Quality and to the Louisiana Office of Facility Planning and Control for review. He stated that the projected date to begin construction is June 1, 2013.

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Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, reported on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish. He stated that several drainage issues are being addressed.

Mr. Andrews advised that work on the road overlay program will begin soon.

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Mr. Plummer extended appreciation to everyone involved with the Sligo Road Extension project.

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Mr. Brotherton reported on the Agriculture Committee meeting at the 2013 Police Jury Association Convention, advising that agriculture and forestry is still the largest industry in the United States and Louisiana. He stated that Louisiana exports more agricultural products than any other state in the nation.

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Mr. Brotherton advised that Mr. Ron Schindall, former Fire Chief for South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2, and member of the Board of Commissioners, recently passed away, and requested that a resolution in honor and memory of Mr. Schindall be adopted.

**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Benton, to adopt a resolution in memory of the late Mr. Ron Schindall, Board of Commissioners, and past Fire Chief for South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2.**

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald Joe Schindall served the citizens of Bossier Parish as a loyal member of the Board of Commissioners and as former Fire Chief for South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schindall was a founding member of the South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2, and was instrumental in working to establish this vital emergency service for the citizens of south Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schindall served as a former Fire Chief for ten years, and then continued to serve on the Board of Commissioners for South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2 from 2010 until the time of his death.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 6th day of March, 2013, that the death of Mr. Ronald Joe Schindall on February 24, 2013, is an irreparable loss to Bossier Parish, and the police jury does hereby express its sincere sympathy to the Schindall family.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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Mr. Avery expressed his condolences to Mr. Jimmy Cochran and his family for the recent death of Mr. Cochran's wife, Ms. Paula Cochran.

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Mr. Darby reported on a meeting of the Health and Human Resources Committee held at the recent 2013 Police Jury Association Convention, and provided information on the transformation of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. He discussed proposed reductions in Federal funding, and stated that Medicaid funding is being cut by approximately \$850 million. Mr. Darby stated that there are approximately 1.2 million Louisiana residents currently on Medicaid.

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Mr. Benton reported that the Police Jury Association is currently considering the creation of a credit union for police jurors and police jury employees across Louisiana.

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Mr. Benton requested that a Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee meeting be scheduled on March 20, 2013, to discuss streetlights in Dogwood South Subdivision.

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Mr. Rimmer reported on meetings of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Committee, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Committee, and the Highways Committee that he attended during the recent Police Jury Association Convention.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, the meeting was adjourned by the Vice President at 3:57 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY