

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 April, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jimmy Cochran, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Fred Shewmake, 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
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.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt the minutes of the March 6, 2013, and the March 20, 2013, regular meetings, and the March 20, 2013, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Ms. Norma Anderson, Benton Elementary School Principal, expressed appreciation to the police jury for its contribution of discretionary funds to the Benton Elementary Archery Team to assist in travel expenses for the team to attend the national archery competition in Louisville, Kentucky.

Ms. Anderson introduced Mr. Perry Norcross, coach for the Benton Elementary Archery Team, and Team Co-Captains, Ms. Kayla Lynch and Ms. Hailey Huffman. Mr. Norcross stated that the archery program began two years ago. He stated that the team placed as a runner-up last year in state competition, and won the title of state champions this year against teams who have competed for five to ten years. He stated that Benton Elementary is the only elementary archery team to score 3,108 points at the state championship competition. Mr. Norcross expressed his sincere appreciation to the police jury for its contribution.

Ms. Bennett was presented with an archery team t-shirt in appreciation for her support.

Ms. Tammy Jordan and Mr. Rand Hovey, Oracle Land Services, were present. Ms. Jordan presented information on the types of services offered by Oracle Land Services, advising that grant writing, acquisition, mapping, title research/abstracting and permit acquisition services are provided. She stated that Oracle has statewide resources and is willing to provide services needed for any portion of a project. Ms. Jordan stated that their goal is to help Louisiana citizens stay employed and to help find local talent. She requested that Oracle Land Services be considered in the future when the parish is in need of any of the services provided.

Mr. Rick Cowan, Coalition Against Bigger Trucks, LLC, stated that the Coalition Against Big Trucks is a national, non-profit grassroots organization working with highway safety advocates, law enforcement officials, and motorists to oppose any increase in truck size or weight. He advised of proposed legislation pending in Congress which will allow trucks to raise their individual weight from 80,000 pounds to 97,000 pounds. Mr. Cowen stated that large trucks are necessary for transporting goods, but larger, heavier trucks will create a threat to public safety and infrastructure. He stated that larger trucks will only accelerate the deterioration of our roads and bridges.

Mr. Cowan requested that the police jury consider sending a letter to local members of the Senate and Congress expressing its concern and opposing proposed legislation to allow an increase in the weight and size of large trucks, until such time as US DOTD completes its two-year study of the impact of heavier and larger trucks on the nation's infrastructure.

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider the application of Travis Sturdivant to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land containing 59.96 acres, located in Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to R-E, Residential Estate District, for an extension of Willow Trace Subdivision. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Travis Sturdivant, Raley and Associates, Inc., stated that this zoning amendment is requested for the proposed extension of Willow Chase Subdivision.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the application of Travis Sturdivant to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land containing 59.96 acres, located in Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to R-E, Residential Estate District, for an extension of Willow Trace Subdivision.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4476

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BOSSIER PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 3908 OF 2003, WHICH ADOPTED A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE BOSSIER CITY-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, LOUISIANA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 59.96 ACRES, LOCATED IN SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH,

RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-A, RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO R-E, RESIDENTIAL ESTATE DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 17th day of April, 2013, that Ordinance No. 3908 of 2003 (Unified Development Code) of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of a tract of land containing 59.96 acres, located in Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to R-E, Residential Estate District, for an extension of Willow Trace Subdivision, being more particularly described as follows:

Description of a tract of land located in Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. Beginning at the southeast corner of Tract 1 of a minor plat for Jason and Rebecca McArthur as recorded under Registry Number 1029525, run thence north 01°47'36" west for a distance of 1322.67 feet, thence run north 88°21'53" east a distance of 961.72 feet, thence run south 01°51'46" east for a distance of 1323.24 feet, thence run south 88°23'20" west for a distance of 81.65 feet, thence run south 01°09'39" east for a distance of 77.82 feet, thence run north 78°56'21" west for a distance of 52.68 feet, thence run south 01°11'05" east for a distance of 295.24 feet, thence run south 77°28'41" east a distance of 302.17 feet, thence run south 78°19'09" east for a distance of 241.39 feet, thence run south 32°25'41" west for a distance of 572.34 feet, thence run south 19°53'35" east for a distance of 464.81 feet to the beginning of a non-tangential curve, thence run along said curve a distance of 16.12 feet (said curve having a radius of 408.90 feet and a chord of north 89°21'28" west for a distance of 16.12 feet), thence run along a curve turning to the right a distance of 144.59 feet, (said curve having a radius of 370.00 feet and a chord of north 77°02'00" west for a distance of 143.67 feet), thence run along a curve turning to the right a distance of 145.15 feet (said curve having a radius of 420.40 feet and a chord of north 55°56'48" west for a distance of 144.43 feet), thence run north 46°03'06" west for a distance of 286.93 feet, thence run along a curve turning to the left a distance of 451.37 feet, (said curve having a radius of 1224.30 feet and a chord of north 56°36'48" west for a distance of 448.81 feet), thence run north 67°10'30" west for a distance of 283.22 feet, thence run along a curve turning to the right a distance of 325.74 feet, (said curve having a radius of 1209.5 feet and a chord of north 59°28'50" west a distance of 324.76 feet, thence run north 51°49'06" west for a distance of 357.32 feet, thence run north 51°51'12" west for a distance of 280.92 feet, thence run along a curve turning to the left distance of 352.11 feet, (said curve having a radius of 534.35 feet and a chord of north 70°43'52" west for a distance of 345.78 feet, thence run north 89°36'31" west for a distance of 60.69 feet, thence run north 88°24'23" east for a distance of 1067.29 feet to the point of beginning;

Said tract containing 59.96 acres.

Applicant: Travis Sturdivant

Purpose: Extension of Willow Trace Subdivision

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of April, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on May 15, 2013, to consider the application of Sean Turpin/Cypress Automotive Center, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land located at 5485 Airline Drive, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-3, General Business District, for a business expansion.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to schedule a public hearing on May 15, 2013, to consider the application of Ryan Bowman, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land containing 37.71 acres located in Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to I-1, Light Industrial District, for an industrial office and shop.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery, to schedule a public hearing on May 15, 2013, to consider the application of W.A. Lucky, III, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a tract of land containing 4.233 acres located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, and B-2, Limited Business District, to B-3, General Business District, for a retail center.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Stephen Hamm, representing Mr. W.A. Lucky, III, advised that this property is located on the west side of Airline Drive, north of the intersection of North Willow Road and Airline Drive. He stated that a retail shopping center is planned.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on May 15, 2013, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 14, located in Section 34, 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.**

Mr. Travis Sturdivant, Raley and Associates, Inc., requested that the matter of scheduling a public hearing on May 15, 2013, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Willow Trace Subdivision, Unit No. 3, be delayed, advising that the masterplan for the development is being amended. No action was taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to schedule a public hearing on May 15, 2013, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of River Bluff Subdivision, Unit No. 4, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Avery requested that a meeting with Mr. Warren Cantrell and Mr. Jimmy Gould be held prior to the public hearing for River Bluff Subdivision, Unit No. 4, to discuss the matter of train delays and emergency entrance and exit access off Maplewood. He referred to a recent train delay at this location, advising that the Bossier Parish Levee Board was required to unlock a gate on the levee to allow residents of River Bluff Subdivision to enter/exit the subdivision.

Mr. Jackson stated that as part of the initial approval of the development of River Bluff Subdivision, it was represented that an emergency entrance/exit already existed.

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that MPC minutes reflect requirements of an emergency entrance/exit to River Bluff Subdivision, advising that it was understood that Mr. Gould would allow residents to access a private drive through Maplewood Mobile Home Park for emergency purposes.

Mr. Ford stated that the original plat for River Bluff Subdivision, Unit No. 4, was approved on October 6, 2010, but the plat was never filed. He stated that due to the lapse of time, a new public hearing is required. Mr. Ford stated that at that time, it was represented that there would be an emergency entrance/exit in place, and advised that the residents of River Bluff Subdivision are requesting a written emergency entrance/exit plan.

Mr. Ford stated that the requested meeting with Mr. Gould and Mr. Cantrell will be scheduled to discuss this matter further. Mr. Avery requested that Mr. Al Wyche also be invited to attend.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mike Vetkoetter, Bossier Parish Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of property at 7885 Highway 3, Benton, LA, advising that the home and all debris has been removed from the property. He recommended that condemnation proceedings be dismissed.

Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Avery, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 7885 Highway 3, Benton, LA.

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

Mr. Benton, Health and Water Sanitation Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Mr. Cook, Mr. Plummer, and Mr. Shewmake were present. He stated that Mr. Ford, Mr. Larry Landry, and Ms. Sheryl Thomas were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Rimmer and Mr. Avery.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee discussed construction issues and financial obligations of the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to declare the following highway equipment items and miscellaneous office computers as surplus, to be sold at auction on May 11, 2013, at Lawler Auction Service, Inc., located at 7781 Hwy 1 North, Shreveport, LA:

Year	Make	Model	VIN Number
1991	Dodge	Pickup	3B7KC26Z7XM579156
1995	GMC	Van	1GJFG35K8SF532011
	Yazoo	Mower	060873068
	Champion	Grader	X026262X
	Bush Hog	Cutter	12-30326
	Bush Hog	Cutter	12-05219
	Bush Hog	Cutter	12-31364
1997	New Holland	Tractor	256337
1966	International	Tractor	6657
	International	Tractor	2510148U014118X
	EZ- GO	Cart	637290
	EZ-GO	Cart	1004770
1991	International		1HTSDZ7N1MH329349
1991	International		1HTSDZ7N8MH329350
2001	Dodge Ram ½ Ton	Pickup	3B7KC26Z01M583928
2003	Ford F-250 V10	Pickup	1FTNF20513EB29874
2000	GMC CB	Pickup	1GDT7H4C3YJ515166
2000	GMC CB	Pickup	1GDT7H4C7YJ515137
1998	MAS	Tractor	F03034
	MITSU ST2620	Tractor	00786
	Loader		8254
	Wobble Wheel		PR1287
2001	John Deere	Tractor	LU5205C220607
2001	Dodge Ram ½ Ton	Pickup	3B7KC26Z21M583929

Miscellaneous office computers

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

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt a resolution objecting to a mandate by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reduce lock and dam service on the Red River.

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

unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1968, the United States Congress authorized the Red River Waterway Project (the “**Project**”) (Section 101 of the River and Harbor Act of 1968, Public Law 90-483 (Aug. 13, 1968));

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project was to enable year-round navigation on the Red River by straightening the river, stabilizing its banks, and constructing five locks and dams;

WHEREAS, the cost to construct the Project was \$2 billion;

WHEREAS, in 2007 an Economic Impact Study concluded that the economic benefit of the Project to the seven parish region included attracting \$4.6 billion in new monies, increasing new business sales by \$8.4 billion, increasing household earnings by \$2.7 billion, and creating an average of 2,107 new jobs per year;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“**Corps**”) has issued a mandate that will result in locks and dams 3, 4, and 5 not being fully operational 24 hours per day, seven days per week, 365 days per year as required by Section 101 of the River and Harbor Act of 1968, Public Law 90-483 (Aug. 13, 1968);

WHEREAS, the Corps issued the mandate in an arbitrary and capricious manner because it failed to conduct a cost-benefit analysis to assess the economic impact and it failed to consult with any interested parties on the Red River, including private industry, municipalities, the ports, and the local sponsor of the Project;

WHEREAS, the Project was completed in 1995 and the Red River has been navigable for only 18 years, it is essential to the future growth of commerce and industry on the Red River that river users can rely on the river being fully operational 24 hours per day, seven days per week, 365 days per year; and

WHEREAS, the river could remain navigable 24 hours per day, seven days per week, 365 days per year if the Corps allocate more funds to mission functions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does hereby object to the Corps’ mandate to reduce lock and dam service on the Red River and requests (i) that the Corps perform the task mandated by Congress in Section 101 of the River and Harbor Act of 1968, Public Law 90-483 (Aug. 13, 1968) which is to maintain the navigability of the Red River 24 hours per day, seven days per week, 365 days per year; or alternatively (ii) suspend the implementation of the mandate until the Corps conducts a cost benefit-analysis and consults with interested parties on the Red River, including private industry, municipalities, and the ports.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of April, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Michan Holbrook, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., presented Plan Change No. 7 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 amount of \$9,221, and provides for 11 additional contract days and miscellaneous work involving sewer service. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve Plan Change No. 7 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 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 April, 2013, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 7 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. 7.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of April, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery, to accept the proposal of Goodwin Professional Services, in the amount of \$900, to provide surveying services for a drainage easement at the intersection of Wemple Road and Airline Drive on the site of Bossier Federal Credit Union, and to authorize execution of 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 April, 2013, that Jimmy Cochran, President, and/or William Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents or contracts in connection with the proposal of Goodwin Professional Services in the amount of \$900, to provide surveying services for a drainage easement at the intersection of Wemple Road and Airline Drive on the site of Bossier Federal Credit Union.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of April, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
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Mr. Ford reported on a recent meeting with the owner of property near the corner of Wemple Road and Airline Drive, advising that commercial and residential developments are planned. He stated that drainage was discussed and

advised that a series of detention ponds will be necessary for additional development in this area.

Mr. Ford advised that in December, 2012, the Department of Transportation and Development required that the Vanceville Road bridge and Seven Pines Road bridge be closed immediately for emergency repairs. He stated that in accordance with DOTD policy, the parish must do the emergency repairs, and upon completion of the work, the bridge must be inspected and re-rated. Mr. Ford recommended the hiring of a structural engineer to provide the inspection and rating services, and presented the proposal of Fenner Consulting, LLC, in the amount of \$27,290. He stated that the proposal includes bridge inspection, rating and evaluation services for the Swan Lake Road bridge and Sligo Road bridge, as well as charges for inspection and re-rating of the Vanceville Road bridge and Seven Pines Road bridge, for a total amount of \$27,290.

Mr. Ford stated that inspection and rating of the Vanceville Road bridge and the Seven Pines Road bridge is complete, as DOTD requires that for any bridges receiving emergency repairs, inspection and rating is required immediately upon completion of the repairs. He stated that the total cost to complete inspection and rating of the Sligo Road bridge and the Swan Lake Road bridge is approximately \$14,200, and recommended that the proposal of Fenner Consulting, LLC, be accepted. After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to accept the proposal of Fenner Consulting, LLC, in the total amount of \$27,290, for bridge inspection, rating and evaluation services for the Swan Lake Road bridge, Sligo Road bridge, Vanceville Road bridge and Seven Pines Road bridge, and to authorize the execution of 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 April, 2013, that Joe E. Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents or contracts in connection with the proposal of Fenner Consulting, LLC, in the amount of \$27,290, to provide inspection, rating and evaluation of the Swan Lake Road bridge, Sligo Road bridge, Vanceville Road bridge and Seven Pines Road bridge.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of April, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
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Mr. Ford stated that the receipt of bids for the South Bossier Park, Phase I, New Athletic Fields and Parking, and New Restrooms and Water Main project, scheduled on April 16, 2013, has been delayed due to project specification changes. He stated that bids for the project will be received at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 25, 2013, in the police jury meeting room.

Mr. Ford stated that the Caplis Sligo Road bridge over Flat River is closed for bridge replacement.

Mr. Ford stated that the Dogwood Trail bridge will be closed for bridge replacement beginning May 15, 2013, and it is anticipated that the bridge will re-open on August 15, 2013.

Mr. Ford advised of a home located on Lot 28, Olde Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. 2, which has been constructed with the basement floor approximately six feet below the road. He stated that for the basement floor, the owner has requested a waiver of parish regulations requiring that construction be one foot above the road. Mr. Ford stated that there is no approved drainage plan, and advised of several building code violations. He stated that the property owner is in the Air Force, and advised that the building contractor has gone out of business and sub-contractors were not paid. Mr. Ford stated that construction of the home is complete, but the contractor never obtained the proper permits. He stated that IBTS was not notified until after construction of the home was completed.

Mr. Ford stated that the owner has requested a waiver of parish regulations which require that construction be one foot above the road to enable him to close on the house and obtain a Certificate of Occupancy. He stated that the lot is equipped with a French drain to direct the flow of water around the house to the lake, and advised that the drainage system has not been inspected or approved by an engineer.

Mr. Avery expressed concern regarding the drainage system and stated that parish ordinances are in place to prohibit building below the road. Mr. Jackson recommended that a meeting be scheduled with the property owner to discuss the police jury's concerns and to review all requirements that must be met prior to any action being taken on this matter.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to deny the request of a homeowner at Lot 28, Olde Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. 2, for a waiver of Bossier Parish regulations requiring that a home must be built one foot above the road.**

The President called for public comment. Mr. Jackson requested that this matter be tabled to allow time for meetings to be scheduled with the property owner to discuss his options. Mr. Avery requested that the drainage plan be certified by a professional engineer, and that IBTS confirm that all building code violations are resolved.

Mr. Avery withdrew his motion and Mr. Brotherton withdrew his second. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to table this matter, to be considered at the April 30, 2013, regular meeting.**

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

Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish. He also reported on several bridge repair projects throughout the parish.

Mr. Andrews presented photographs of condemned property at 205 Flagg Drive, Haughton, LA, advising that parish work crews have completed cleanup of the property. Mr. Andrews advised that a lien on the property will be filed in the 26th Judicial District Clerk of Court's Office.

Mr. Rimmer reported on a meeting at The Port of Caddo-Bossier, advising that there is concern that reducing the lock and dam service on the Red River may affect the Shreveport/Bossier area hosting of the FLW Bass Championship and the Bassmaster Classic in the future. He stated that hours of closure that are least detrimental to recreational and commercial usage is being considered.

Mr. Benton presented photographs of construction at the Lawson Bo Brandon Sports Complex, advising that the parking lot was constructed to facilitate eight fields, but with only four fields in play at this time, the parking lot is at capacity. He stated that additional parking will need to be addressed when the four additional fields are complete.

Mr. Ford reported that he recently toured a subdivision located in the Town of Haughton where drainage is located in the center of the streets. He stated that Mr. Bryan Camp has requested approval to develop a proposed subdivision with this type of drainage, advising that he is concerned with the issues that exist with this type of drainage. He advised that he will be scheduling a Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee meeting and will ask that Mr. Camp and Mr. Joey French attend to discuss their proposal.

Mr. Cochran reported on a meeting held to discuss closure of the control tower at the Shreveport Downtown Airport, advising that closure of the control tower has been delayed.

Finance Committee Meeting – April 17, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 17th day of April, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with Mr. Darby being absent.

Ms. Sonja Bailes, Public Relations Liaison for the Bossier Parish School Board, stated that there is a critical need for more students to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, as well as art and design. She stated that Destination ImagiNation is a way for students to pursue these areas as the program fosters problem solving skills in all academic areas. Ms. Bailes stated that 15 teams from Bossier Parish schools have competed throughout the school year and are qualified to attend the 2013 Global Destination ImagiNation Creative Problem Solving Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee on May 22nd through May 25th.

Ms. Bailes introduced Ms. Joan Turek, Coordinator for the Bossier Parish Destination ImagiNation Program and teacher for the Gifted and Talented Program at Parkway High School. Ms. Turek stated that she and many other teachers throughout the parish volunteer to assist the Destination ImagiNation Program. She stated that each year the students are offered a variety of open-ended challenges and are required to create original products to solve problems. Ms. Turek stated that there is a focus on arts in Destination ImagiNation where the students are required to write scripts that support the themes they create and the products they are presenting.

Ms. Turek stated that 80 students make up the 15 teams from Bossier Parish schools, and requested that the police jury consider providing assistance for travel expenses for the students to attend the competition. She stated that the students have been working to raise funds, advising that the cost per student is approximately \$950. Ms. Turek stated that the cost for bus transportation is \$14,490.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Ms. Bennett, that each juror will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$200 each, for a total of \$2,400, for travel expenses for Destination ImagiNation teams from Bossier Parish schools to attend the 2013 Global Destination ImagiNation Creative Problem-Solving Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee, on May 22nd through May 25th.**

The Chairman called for public comment. Mr. Plummer stated that these funds are to be distributed to all teams in Bossier Parish. Ms. Bennett requested that Ms. Bailes and Ms. Turek meet with Ms. Sheryl Thomas, Parish Treasurer, to review the expenditure of these funds and to see that all required paperwork is provided.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$2,105.38 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of March, 2013, as follows:

Swan Lake Hardware, LLC	\$ 24.26
Emergency Power Systems	\$ 150.00
Fitzgerald Contractors, Inc.	\$1,625.00
Home Depot Credit Services	\$ 17.97
Home Depot Credit Services	\$ 76.28
Jayroes Hardware & Garden	\$ 9.37
Pro-Lock Services	\$ 202.50

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. Benton, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of March, 2013.

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

Mr. Brotherton discussed a request from Louisiana New Tech @ Plain Dealing for discretionary funds for new equipment and supplies for the track and field team. He stated that after reviewing the equipment and supplies list, he

recommends that any funds approved be appropriated specifically for the purchase of uniforms, warm-up traveling suits, and track shorts and tees only. Mr. Avery stated that any items funded by the police jury must remain the property of the school board.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the request of the Louisiana New Tech @ Plain Dealing track and field team for discretionary funds to be used specifically for the purchase of uniforms, warm-up traveling suits, and track shorts and tees, as follows, all subject to legal review:**

Discretionary	Matching
Ms. Bennett - \$500	Mr. Cook - \$1,000
Mr. Plummer - \$200	Mr. Rimmer - \$200
Mr. Brotherton - \$200	Mr. Darby - \$200
Mr. Avery - \$200	
Mr. Hammack - \$200	
Total contribution: \$2,700	

The Chairman called for public comment. It was requested that Louisiana New Tech @ Plain Dealing be required to submit receipts showing that the \$2,700 was used as requested.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Bennett presented a request from the Bossier Parish School Board Gifted and Talented Program for assistance with traveling expenses for three students from Bossier High School to attend the 2013 Summer Band Camp at McNeese State University on June 16th through June 20th. She also presented a letter from Ms. Laura Willett, 9th and 10th grade Counselor at Bossier High School, advising that the three students have above average grades and are active in the Talented Music program of Bossier Parish, and also participate in the marching and concert band.

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Darby, that Mr. Shewmake and Mr. Darby will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$600 each, for a total of \$1,200, to the Bossier Parish School Board Gifted and Talented program for three students from Bossier High School to attend the 2013 Summer Band Camp at McNeese State University on June 16th through June 20th.

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

The Finance Committee 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 April, 2013, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:05 p.m.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY