

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 19th day of March, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Doug Rimmer, Sr., called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Wayne Hammack, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Jimmy Cochran. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Cindy Dodson, called the roll, 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, Excused	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. Skaggs, to adopt the minutes of the February 5, 2014, and the February 19, 2014, regular meetings, and the February 19, 2014, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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 amend the agenda to add Mr. John Schieme.

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. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Cook

Mr. John Schieme stated that residents are no longer allowed to fish in an area behind the spillway on Cypress Lake. He stated that it is his understanding that Cypress Black Bayou Park may be under the control of the state and expressed concern that parish tax dollars are being spent to improve areas of Cypress Black Bayou Park, but the citizens of Bossier Parish are not allowed to fish in areas where they were previously allowed.

Mr. Jackson stated that the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District is a political subdivision of the state, and is its own separate governmental organization regulated by an appointed board of representatives which has its own policies. He stated that he is not aware of the park or lake being taken over by any state entity. Mr. Jackson stated that the state may be involved when there are issues of sewer violations.

Mr. Schieme stated that park rangers advised that no one is allowed behind the spillway due to a homeland security issue, but the Office of Homeland Security advised him that there is no record of regulations prohibiting fishing in this area. He stated that he also contacted the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and was advised that they have no knowledge of fishing being prohibited behind the spillway. Mr. Schieme stated that the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office has advised that they will follow the policies of the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District and will issue citations for violations.

Mr. Jackson recommended that the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation and Water Conservation District Board of Commissioners be contacted regarding any possible policy changes pertaining to fishing behind the spillway. He stated that the Board of Commissioners meets monthly and meetings are open to the public.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Chuck Wilder.

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. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Cook

Mr. Chuck Wilder, 2643 Southcrest Drive, Dogwood Subdivision, Unit No. 15, Haughton, LA, stated that the railroad crossing on Tall Pines Road has become a severe road hazard. He stated that the asphalt between the railroad tracks is approximately three inches higher than the railroad tracks and has caused damage to vehicles.

Mr. Benton stated that the railroad crossing on Tall Pines Road is in poor condition and that vehicles are forced to stop and slowly cross the tracks.

Mr. Ford stated that the parish is prohibited from making any improvements in the five-foot area between the railroad tracks or within an area outside the cross ties. He stated that Kansas City Southern Railroad has been notified of the condition of the crossing and advised that the track is leased to Watco Companies, LLC. Mr. Ford stated that he will contact Kansas City Southern Railroad.

Mr. Rimmer recommended that Representative Henry Burns be contacted regarding this matter.

Mr. Luke Turner was presented with a resolution of appreciation for his years of service as police jury representative to the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau. Mr. Turner expressed his appreciation to the police jury for allowing him to serve in this capacity.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to authorize the advertising for bids for surplus property described as Lot 1000, being a resubdivision of Lot 363 of Country Place Subdivision, Unit No. 5, located in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, bids to be received April 16, 2014.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Ms. Dodson advised that the minimum acceptable bid amount is \$1,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to authorize the advertising for bids for surplus property described as Lot 2000, being a resubdivision of Lot 363 of Country Place Subdivision, Unit No. 5, located in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, bids to be received April 16, 2014.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Ms. Dodson advised that the minimum acceptable bid amount is \$1,000.

Ms. Dodson announced the public hearing to consider approval of the Minor Plat Prepared for the Exclusive Use of River Point Racing and Equestrian Center, Inc., located in Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Alan Fox was present, advising that Ark-La-Tex Shop Builders has expressed an interest in purchasing the proposed Tract 1 to expand its business.

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that Tract 1 is currently zoned R-T, Racetrack District, and rezoning is required to allow any other use. He stated that he has notified the adjacent property owner that the property must be rezoned.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the Minor Plat Prepared for the Exclusive Use of River Point Racing and Equestrian Center, Inc., located in Section 16, Township 19 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 Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to schedule a public hearing on April 16, 2014, to consider a request by the Benton-Parish MPC for a zoning amendment to revert the zoning classification of a 21.77 acre tract of land located in Sections 26 and 27, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, belonging to David and Linda Wicker, located in Cypress Border Subdivision, from R-1, Single Family Residence District, to the previous R-A, Residential-Agriculture District.

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

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Joey Moore has requested that the public hearing to consider his application for a zoning amendment on a four acre tract of land at 5857 Highway 80, Princeton, LA, from R-A, to I-1, be set for April 2, 2014.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to schedule a public hearing on April 2, 2014, to consider the application of Joey J. Moore, to the Bossier City-Parish MPC, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a four acre tract of land, more or less, located at 5857 Highway 80, Princeton, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential-Agriculture District, to I-1, Light Industrial District, for a corporate office.

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

Mr. Mike Vetkoetter, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of property at 749 Princeton Road, Princeton, LA, and advised that the property is now in compliance with property standards regulations. He recommended that condemnation proceedings be dismissed.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 749 Princeton Road, Princeton, LA.

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

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 1916 Old Plain Dealing Road, Benton, LA. Mr. Vetkoetter presented current photographs of property at 1916 Old Plain Dealing Road, Benton, LA, and advised that the property is now in compliance with property standards regulations. He recommended that condemnation proceedings be dismissed.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 1916 Old Plain Dealing Road, Benton, LA.

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

Ms. Dodson announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 264 East Ridge Drive, Benton, LA. Mr. Vetkoetter presented current photographs of the property and advised that a small amount of work has been done but

the property is still in violation of property standards regulations. He stated that the new owner of this property has been provided the required 10-day notice of today's hearing.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to proceed with condemnation of property at 264 East Ridge Drive, Benton, LA, in accordance with property standards regulations.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Craig Moody, property owner, advised that he purchased this property in February of 2014, and that the property is currently being rented. He stated that the renters own a business collecting items from condemned and/or foreclosed properties, and those items are being kept at 264 East Ridge Drive, Benton, LA. Mr. Moody stated that he has requested that the renters clean up the property and stated that he believes the property will be in compliance within the next few days.

Ms. Bennett stated that this property was in violation of property standards regulations when Mr. Moody purchased the property, and the condition has only continued to worsen. She explained condemnation procedures to Mr. Moody advising that if condemned, parish crews will not demolish the house. Ms. Bennett stated that parish crews will remove all items and debris and a lien will be placed on the property for expenses incurred by the parish. Mr. Jackson stated that if the property is brought into compliance prior to parish crews going onto the property, no lien will be filed.

Mr. Cochran stated that if the renters are conducting a business from the home located at 264 East Ridge Drive, Benton, LA, they are in violation of parish ordinances. Mr. Jackson stated if the renters are operating a business by bringing salvage material into a residential neighborhood, they are in violation of parish regulations.

Mr. Robert Bryan stated that he lives across the street from 264 East Ridge Drive, Benton, LA, and advised that the delivery of items to this property has not stopped. He further stated that he mistakenly received correspondence addressed to Fred-Rex of Bossier, Inc., 264 East Ridge Drive, Bossier City, LA. He expressed concern that a business is being operated from this residence.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vetkoetter reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review, advising that it is recommended that condemnation hearings be scheduled to consider condemnation of property at 5217 Clover Lane, Bossier City, LA, 581 Rex Beard Road, Haughton, LA, and 412 Bermuda Lane, Princeton, LA.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to schedule condemnation hearings on April 2, 2014, to consider condemnation of property at 5217 Clover Lane, Bossier City, LA, 581 Rex Beard Road, Haughton, LA, and 412 Bermuda Lane, Princeton, LA.

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

Mr. Benton, Chairman of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Avery, Mr. Shewmake, and Mr. Brotherton were present. He stated that Mr. Ronnie Andrews, Mr. Nguyen Kha and Benton Mayor Wayne Cathcart were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Hammack and Mr. Rimmer.

Mr. Ford stated that the committee discussed the number of bridges that are currently in the Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program, advising that there are a total of 88 bridges in the program. He stated that there are 80 one-span bridges or culverts that are maintained by the parish and do not qualify for the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program. Mr. Ford stated that one bridge in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program is currently closed, 13 bridges have been repaired by the parish, and 28 bridges have been replaced through the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program. He stated that there are approximately 34 timber bridges in the parish that are approximately 20 to 30 years old.

Mr. Ford stated that the Public Bid Law prohibits the parish from spending more than \$160,000 on bridge repairs. He recommended that the parish begin budgeting funds in the year 2017 for approximately eight to ten years to begin replacing the older bridges to prevent closures in the future due to bridge failure.

Mr. Ford stated that there are approximately 12 bridges which are used primarily by oilfield trucks or for access to hunting camps. He stated that these bridges need to be addressed, as another access may be needed. Mr. Ford advised that there was discussion regarding reducing the load limits on several bridges, and a recommendation will be made at the April 2, 2014, regular meeting regarding this issue.

Mr. Ford reported that a meeting is to be scheduled with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in April to discuss the matter of bridge ratings once repairs are complete.

Mr. Ford stated that Benton Mayor Wayne Cathcart has submitted a request for the parish's assistance with repairs to various parking lots, advising that a recommendation will be made at the April 2, 2014, regular meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to accept the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee report, as presented.

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. Plummer, to adopt a resolution of intention of the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, to amend, change and clarify the boundaries of Northeast Bossier Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, describing the new proposed boundaries of said fire protection district, ordering and directing the President to give due notice of the proposed amendment, change and clarification of said fire protection district boundaries, and providing for the hearing of any and all objections to the amendment, change and clarification of the boundaries of said fire protection district.

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

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Cochran and seconded by Mr. Plummer:

RESOLUTION

A resolution of intention of the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, to amend, change and clarify the boundaries of Northeast Bossier Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, describing the new proposed boundaries of said fire protection district, ordering and directing the President to give due notice of the proposed amendment, change and clarification of said fire protection district boundaries, and providing for the hearing of any and all objections to the amendment, change and clarification of the boundaries of said fire protection district.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Part 1, Chapter 7, Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Act"), parish governing authorities are authorized to amend, change and clarify the boundaries of fire protection districts including all or part of the territory in the parish; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, it is now the desire of the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "Police Jury"), to amend, change and clarify the boundaries of "Northeast Bossier Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana" (the "District");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority, it is the intention of the Police Jury, to amend, change and clarify the boundaries of the District, which boundaries shall include the following additional property:

"Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, Township 22 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA

Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, Township 21 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA

Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA

Sections 5, 6, 7, 18 Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA";

So that thereafter, the description of the boundaries of said District shall read as follows:

"Beginning at the northwest corner of Section 5, T23N, R13W, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, said point being on the line that divides the State of Louisiana and the State of Arkansas; thence east along said line to a point on the eastern boundary of Bossier Parish; thence south along the eastern boundary of Bossier Parish to a point on the southeast corner of Section 13, T20N, R11W; thence westerly along the northern boundary of Fire District 1 to a point marking the southwest corner of Section 13, T20N, R12W; thence continue west along a boundary line of Fire District 4 to a point marking the southwest corner of Section 15, T20N, R12W; thence north along the eastern boundary of Fire District 4 and the west boundary of Sections 15, 10, 3, 34, 27, 22 and 15, T21N, R12W to the centerline of Louisiana Route 157/160; thence westerly and southwesterly along the centerline of Louisiana Route 157/160 and Louisiana Route 160 to its intersection with the west boundary of Section 18, T21N, R12W; thence north along the west boundary of Sections 18, 7 and 6, T21N, R12W, and Sections 31 and 30, T22N, R12W, to the northwest corner of Section 30, T22N, R12W; thence east along the north boundary of Section 30, T22N, R12W, to the northeast corner of Section 30, T22N, R12W; thence north along the west boundary of Sections 20, 17, 8 and 5, T22N, R12W, to the northwest corner of Section 5, T22N, R12W; thence west along the south boundary of Section 31, T23N, R12W and Sections 36, 35, 34, 33 and 32, T23N, R13W, to the southwest corner of Section 32, T23N, R13W; thence north along the west boundary of Sections 32, 29, 20, 17, 8 and 5, T23N, R13W, to the northwest corner of Section 5, T23N, R13W and the point of beginning"

SECTION 2. This Police Jury shall meet in open and public session at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Benton, Louisiana, **Wednesday, April 16, 2014**, at two o'clock (2:00) p.m., for the purpose of hearing any and all objections to the amendment, change and clarification in boundaries of, and to the inclusion and exclusion of the property proposed to be included and excluded in said district, and, after disposing of all objections, the Police Jury shall, if it determines to amend, change and clarify the boundaries of such district, adopt a resolution or ordinance amending, changing and clarifying the boundaries of said district and fixing the new boundaries of said district.

SECTION 3. The President of this Police Jury is hereby ordered and directed to issue a Notice of Intention of the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, to amend, change and clarify the boundaries of the District, which notice shall embrace substantially all things set forth in this resolution, shall be substantially in the form attached as Exhibit "A" hereto and shall be published in accordance with the provisions of law.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Cook

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 19th day of March, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF INTENTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, on March 19, 2014, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the intention of said Police Jury to amend, change and clarify the boundaries of Northeast Bossier Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Police Jury of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, will meet in open and public session at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Benton, Louisiana, **Wednesday, April 16, 2014**, at two o'clock (2:00) p.m., and will at that time hear any and all objections to the amendment, change and clarification of boundaries of Northeast Bossier Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana, and to the inclusion and exclusion of the property proposed to be included and excluded in said district, and, after disposing of all objections, if it determines to do so, will adopt a resolution amending, changing and clarifying the boundaries of said district, which boundaries shall include the following additional property:

- "Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, Township 22 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA
- Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA
- Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, Township 21 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA
- Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA
- Sections 5, 6, 7, 18 Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA";

So that thereafter, the description of the boundaries of said District shall read as follows:

"Beginning at the northwest corner of Section 5, T23N, R13W, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, said point being on the line that divides the State of Louisiana and the State of Arkansas; thence east along said line to a point on the eastern boundary of Bossier Parish; thence south along the eastern boundary of Bossier Parish to a point on the southeast corner of Section 13, T20N, R11W; thence westerly along the northern boundary of Fire District 1 to a point marking the southwest corner of Section 13, T20N, R12W; thence continue west along a boundary line of Fire District 4 to a point marking the southwest corner of Section 15, T20N, R12W; thence north along the eastern boundary of Fire District 4 and the west boundary of Sections 15, 10, 3, 34, 27, 22 and 15, T21N, R12W to the centerline of Louisiana Route 157/160; thence westerly and southwesterly along the centerline of Louisiana Route 157/160 and Louisiana Route 160 to its intersection with the west boundary of Section 18, T21N, R12W; thence north along the west boundary of Sections 18, 7 and 6, T21N, R12W, and Sections 31 and 30, T22N, R12W, to the northwest corner of Section 30, T22N, R12W; thence east along the north boundary of Section 30, T22N, R12W, to the northeast corner of Section 30, T22N, R12W; thence north along the west boundary of Sections 20, 17, 8 and 5, T22N, R12W, to the northwest corner of Section 5, T22N, R12W; thence west along the south boundary of Section 31, T23N, R12W and Sections 36, 35, 34, 33 and 32, T23N, R13W, to the southwest corner of Section 32, T23N, R13W; thence north along the west boundary of Sections 32, 29, 20, 17, 8 and 5, T23N, R13W, to the northwest corner of Section 5, T23N, R13W and the point of beginning"

A map showing the new boundaries of the district is available for public inspection during business hours at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Benton, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Benton, Louisiana, on this, the 19th day of March, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to acknowledge receipt of Requests for Proposals for Fiscal Agent of the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the period April 1, 2014, to April 1, 2016.

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 Ms. Bennett, to ratify adoption of a resolution of appreciation to Ms. Patricia Pickett for her years of service as Building and Grounds Manager/Purchasing Agent for the Bossier Parish Library.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia Pickett is retiring as Building and Grounds Manager/Purchasing Agent for the Bossier Parish Library System; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pickett has served as Building and Grounds Manager/Purchasing Agent for the Bossier Parish Library System for 26 years, and has been instrumental in the Library’s continued success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pickett has worked diligently during her employment with the Bossier Parish Library system to provide the citizens of Bossier Parish with outstanding library facilities and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Ms. Patricia Pickett for her many years of dedicated service to the Bossier Parish Library System, and does wish her well in her retirement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of March, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to ratify adoption of a resolution of appreciation to Ms. Margie Carney for her years of service as Circulation Desk Manager for the Bossier Parish Central Library.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Margie Carney is retiring as Circulation Desk Manager for the Bossier Parish Central Library, after 15 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carney has always been professional in her duties and has worked diligently to provide excellent service to the citizens of Bossier Parish; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carney has been a loyal employee and an asset to the Bossier Parish Library System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Ms. Margie Carney for her years of service as Circulation Desk Manager for the Bossier Parish Central Library, and does wish her well in her retirement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of March, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Avery, to adopt a resolution of appreciation to Ms. Bea Minniear for her years of service in Children’s Services for the Bossier Parish Central Library.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Bea Minniear is retiring from Children’s Services at the Bossier Parish Central Library; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Minniear has served in Children’s Services at the Library for 16 years, and has been instrumental in the continued success of the children’s programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Minniear has always been professional in her duties and has worked diligently to provide the citizens of Bossier Parish with outstanding service and dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19th day of March, 2014, that it does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Ms. Bea Minniear for her years of service to the Bossier Parish Library System and does wish her well in her retirement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of March, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to approve the reappointment of Ms. Renee Nance to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Adjustments for a five-year term, term to expire April 1, 2019.

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. Avery, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Ben Rauschenbach to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a six-year term, term to expire April 1, 2020.

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

Mr. Avery requested that attendance records be requested for police jury appointees to various boards in the parish.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to accept an agreement with Rainwater Consulting, LLC, to provide governmental consulting services, and to authorize the execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Jackson advised that this agreement is for Mr. Rainwater to provide governmental consulting services to the police jury, especially during the Legislative Session. He stated that Mr. Rainwater is a previous Commissioner of Administration and advised that his services will be very beneficial to the parish.

Ms. Laura Adley asked if these services will be for state or federal government and the length of the contract. Mr. Jackson stated that the services that Mr. Rainwater will be providing will be for state and federal government and the contract will be based on a month to month basis.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 19th day of March, 2014, that Patrick R. Jackson, Parish Attorney, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, an agreement with Rainwater Consulting, LLC, to provide governmental consulting services.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of March, 2014.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, SR., PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Altimus presented a request from AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company regarding issues the electric industry is facing concerning power generation. He stated that coal powered plants have provided power to our area for many years, but due to new regulations proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency, coal-powered plants are being required to transition to gas-powered plants. He stated that the proposed EPA regulations provide a timeline in which power plants are required to comply with these new regulations and the electric companies are requesting that the timelines be extended.

Mr. Altimus stated that AEP SWEPCO has requested a letter of support from the police jury requesting the EPA to allow states to develop flexible plans, realistic and achievable standards, and reasonable compliance time frames for conversion from coal-fueled power plants to gas-fueled power plants.

Mr. Altimus stated that AEP SWEPCO will provide information to its customers in their April billing statements to educate them on the proposed EPA regulations.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to authorize a letter to Environmental Protection Agency supporting AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company's request to allow states to develop flexible plans, realistic and achievable standards, and reasonable compliance time frames for conversion from coal-fueled power plants to gas-fueled power plants.

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. Avery, to accept the streets and drainage in Magnolia Chase 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. 4522

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 19th day of March, 2014, has received a request from Ronald G. Carlson, Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Magnolia Chase 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 Ordinance.

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of Ronald G. Carlson, 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, streets and drainage located in Magnolia Chase Subdivision, Unit No. 4, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

- Cherry Blossom Lane – 0.066 mile
- Pear Tree Lane - 0.061 mile
- Plum Orchard Lane – 0.075 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 Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of March, 2014.

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PARISH SECRETARY

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Jurors were provided a copy of district highway reports.

Mr. Altimus advised that the Transportation and Infrastructure Summit that was originally scheduled for February 11, 2014, has been rescheduled to be held on March 25, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the police jury meeting room.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to amend the agenda to consider the donation of a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe to Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District.

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. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Cook

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve the donation of a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN#1GNLC2E04BR314183, to Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District, 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 convened on this 19th day of March, 2014, that it does hereby authorize its President, Doug Rimmer, Sr., to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with the donation of a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN#1GNLC2E04BR314183, to Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19th day of March, 2014.

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Mr. Ford advised that a grand opening ceremony for the South Bossier Park is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Darby, to amend the agenda to consider scheduling a public hearing on April 16, 2014, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cypress Bend Garden District Subdivision, Unit No. 6, located in Section 20, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, and to consider scheduling a public hearing on April 16, 2014, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Belle Rose at Legacy Subdivision, Unit No. 5, located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, 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. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Cook

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to schedule a public hearing on April 16, 2014, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Cypress Bend Garden District Subdivision, Unit No. 6, located in Section 20, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, and to schedule a public hearing on April 16, 2014, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Belle Rose at Legacy Subdivision, Unit No. 5, located in Section 22, 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. Ronnie Andrews, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish.

Mr. Plummer encouraged jurors to attend the South Bossier Park grand opening on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

Mr. Benton presented a letter of appreciation from Mr. Joe Bishop for the police jury's support in his election as Third Vice President of the Police Jury Association Executive Board.

Mr. Shewmake requested that a Homeland Security Committee meeting be scheduled on March 25, 2014, at 12:00 p.m., to discuss applications for the position of Director of Homeland Security.

Finance Committee Meeting – March 19, 2014, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 19th day of March, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with Mr. Cook being absent.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$467.46 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of February, 2014, as follows:

Area Wide	\$240.00
Gulf States Environmental Laboratories, Inc.	\$ 70.00
Swan Lake Hardware, LLC	\$ 9.97
Coburn's Bossier City	\$ 7.37
Bobby Brannon Heating & Air Conditioning	\$135.00
R E Michel Company, Inc.	\$ 5.12

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. Rimmer, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of February, 2014.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, that Mr. Rimmer will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$500, Mr. Benton will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$791.32, and Mr. Brotherton will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$791.31, for a total of \$2,082.63 in discretionary funds to Platt Elementary School for the purchase of a new slide for the playground.

The Chairman 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, that Mr. Skaggs and Mr. Avery will contribute matching discretionary funds in the amount of \$305 each, for a total of \$610 in matching discretionary funds to Legacy Elementary School for the purchase of two iPads and protective cases for the First Grade classrooms.

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 19th day of March, 2014, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:13 p.m.

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