

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 16th day of September, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jack Skaggs, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Ms. Wanda Bennett, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Glenn Benton. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Rachel Hauser, 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. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt the minutes of the August 5, 2015, and August 19, 2015, regular meetings, and the August 19, 2015, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Mr. Scott Martinez, North Louisiana Economic Partnership, reported on activities of the organization and expressed appreciation to the police jury for its continued support. He stated that NLEP serves 14 parishes in northwestern Louisiana.

Mr. Martinez stated that NLEP was created in 2011 due to the merger of a group housed in the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce responsible for economic development in four parishes, and a group from Monroe, LA. He stated that in 2014, a five-year comprehensive plan was established to meet the needs of stakeholders and communities served by NLEP. He further stated that in May of 2015, NLEP became the 43rd accredited economic development organization in the country.

Mr. Martinez stated that NLEP provides professional economic development services and works to ensure that north Louisiana's economic development potential is realized. He stated that the 14 parishes served by NLEP are very diverse. He further stated that NLEP is funded by over 175 entities, including private companies, organizations, police juries, cities, and academic institutions.

Mr. Martinez stated that NLEP prepares quarterly investor reports that include a list of its current projects, and stated that NLEP feels it is important to fulfill its obligations as an organization. Mr. Martinez provided additional information on current and proposed projects, and expressed appreciation for the police jury's continued support.

Ms. Hauser announced that the police jury will now convene as a Board of Tax Review to hear protests on 2015 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor. Mr. Bobby Edmiston, Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, Ms. Michelle Rodgers, Chief Deputy Assessor, and Mr. Dale Sale, Bossier Parish Tax Assessor's office, were present.

Mr. Skaggs announced the protests of Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. Mr. Sebastian Rodrigano, Popp Hutcheson, 1301 S. Mopac, Suite 430, Austin, TX, was present on behalf of the taxpayer.

Mr. Rodrigano submitted a letter and several documents supporting the appeal by Halliburton Energy Services for Assessment No. 146141, Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., and Assessment No. 145545, Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Baroid Drilling Fluids. He stated that hearings on these properties are currently pending before the Louisiana Tax Commission for the years 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Mr. Rodrigano referred to the protest of assessed values on property at 4720 Industrial Drive Extension, Bossier City, LA, Assessment No. 146141, and assessed values on property at 4908 Industrial Drive Extension, Bossier City, LA, Assessment No. 145545. He stated that the 4720 Industrial Drive Extension location serves as the Halliburton Energy Services Bossier City Field Camp. He further stated that the Tax Assessor has established an assessed value of \$9,014,830 for property at this location.

Mr. Rodrigano stated that the field camp provides services to drilling companies and for the completion of wells in the Haynesville Shale for gas drilling and production. He provided a detailed list of equipment located at the field camp. Mr. Rodrigano stated that drilling in the Haynesville Shale is more expensive due to the depth of the shale, which causes additional wear and tear on equipment.

Mr. Rodrigano stated that the rig count in the Haynesville Shale has declined from approximately 130 drilling rigs in 2010, to approximately 15 drilling rigs due to a decrease in natural gas prices. He provided additional information pertaining to the cost of natural gas and its effects on Halliburton Energy Services, as well as a decline in employment. Mr. Rodrigano stated that Halliburton Energy Services is currently experiencing a global reduction in employment.

Mr. Rodrigano stated that the schedule used to assess the equipment does not account for all forms of obsolescence. He stated that because of the low regularization, the field equipment located at the Bossier City field camp was utilized only 27.41 percent during 2014. He further stated that due to the harsh conditions in which the field equipment is operating, Halliburton Energy Services is requesting consideration of a 54 percent obsolescence reduction in the assessed value of certain categories of machinery and equipment for 2015.

Mr. Rodrigano stated that the Louisiana Tax Commission has stated that Halliburton Energy Services can achieve extraordinary adjustments to the Tax Assessor's Utilization Schedule by applying Procedure No. 3, which is specifically developed for business industrial personal property.

Mr. Rodrigano stated that the Louisiana Tax Commission granted a 20 percent obsolescence reduction on behalf of Halliburton Energy Services on their appeals for the 2012 and 2013 tax years based on information provided at that

time. He stated that further decline in the area of operations on the value of this equipment was not taken into account when that decision was made by the Louisiana Tax Commission. Mr. Rodrigano stated that the Louisiana Tax Commission's decisions for the 2012 and 2013 appeals by Halliburton Energy Services have been appealed by the Tax Assessor's Office in the 26th Judicial District Court.

Mr. Rodrigano stated that Halliburton Energy Services' request for an adjustment for the year 2015, as well as the decision by the Louisiana Tax Commission for a 20 percent obsolescence and an additional 54 percent obsolescence calculated by means of the low utilization of property and wear and tear on equipment, is an assessed value of approximately \$4,933,708 for the field camp.

Mr. Skaggs requested clarification of the Tax Assessor's assessed value and Halliburton Energy Services' requested assessed value. Mr. Sale stated that Halliburton Energy Services is requesting a \$4 million reduction in the assessed value, which is an approximate 45 percent reduction. Mr. Skaggs asked if the request for a 45 percent reduction in the assessed value of the property at the field camp is due to a decline in the natural gas and oil industry and wear and tear on equipment. Mr. Rodrigano stated that the request for a reduction is the result of a decline in the industry and wear and tear on equipment.

Mr. Sale stated that Halliburton Energy Services is also requesting a 54 percent reduction in the assessed value of their operational equipment, but is not asking for a reduction on inventory and non-operational equipment.

Mr. Skaggs asked if the 20 percent obsolescence is based off a standard five year depreciation schedule of tangible assets. Mr. Sale stated that the Louisiana Tax Commission granted the 20 percent obsolescence for the tax years 2012 and 2013, but that decision is being appealed by the Tax Assessor's Office. Mr. Skaggs asked if the assessed valued from 2014 to 2015 represents a 15 percent reduction in the assessed value of the property. Mr. Sale stated that they allow for a normal depreciation of equipment, but Halliburton Energy Services acquired new assets which are included.

Ms. Rodgers stated that the depreciation schedule used by the Tax Assessor's Office is set by the Louisiana Tax Commission. She stated that the 20 percent obsolescence granted by the Louisiana Tax Commission is under appeal in district court, and no ruling has been made by the court at this time.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to uphold the assessment of personal property owned by Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., located at (1) 4908 Industrial Drive Extension, Bossier City, LA, and (2) 4720 Industrial Drive Extension, Bossier City, LA, each as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Tax Review on September 16, 2015, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing protests on 2015 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, in accordance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.

(Personal property)

Legal Description: Personal property located on TR 3D2A, Sec 24, T18N, R13W, Baroid Drilling Fluids, 4908 Industrial Drive, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 145545

Protested Assessed Value: \$1,242,540

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and Mr. Sebastian Rodrigano appeared before the Board of Tax Review representing the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 145545 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$1,242,540.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Tax Review on September 16, 2015, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing protests on 2015 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, in accordance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.

(Personal property)

Legal Description: Personal property located on TR 3C, Sec 24, T18N, R13W, 4720 Industrial Drive, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 146141

Protested Assessed Value: \$9,014,830

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and Mr. Sebastian Rodrigano appeared before the Board of Tax Review representing the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 146141 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$9,014,830.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Shewmake. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Skaggs announced the protests of Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership and Diamond Jacks Casino & Resort, 711 Diamond Jacks Blvd., Bossier City, LA. In lieu of appearance or oral presentations, letters have been received from Property Tax Service Company on behalf of Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership for Assessment Nos. 130527, 130529, and 149696, and on behalf of Diamond Jacks Casino & Resort for Assessment No. 146240, requesting that these cases be read into the record with all due consideration and process.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to uphold the assessment of property owned by Diamond Jacks Casino & Resort, 711 Diamond Jacks Blvd., Bossier City, LA, and to uphold the assessments of property owned by Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership, 711 Diamond Jacks Blvd, Bossier City, LA, as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Tax Review on September 16, 2015, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing protests on 2015 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, in accordance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: Diamond Jacks Casino & Resort
(Personal Property)

Legal Description: Personal Property located on TR 13-A, Sec 32, T18N, R13W, at Diamond Jacks Casino & Resort, 711 Diamond Jacks Blvd., Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 146240

Protested Assessed Value: \$11,641,666

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and a letter from Property Tax Service Company was received on behalf of the taxpayer; no one appeared before the Board of Tax Review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 146240 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$11,641,666.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACKSKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Tax Review on September 16, 2015, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing protests on 2015 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, in accordance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership

Legal Description: Diamond Jacks Casino & Resort, 711 Diamond Jacks Blvd., Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 130529

Protested Assessed Value: \$60,666,066

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and a letter from Property Tax Service Company was received on behalf of the taxpayer; no one appeared before the Board of Tax Review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 130529 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$60,666,066.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACKSKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Tax Review on September 16, 2015, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing protests on 2015 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, in accordance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership

Legal Description: Diamond Jacks Casino & Resort, 711 Diamond Jacks Blvd., Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 130527

Protested Assessed Value: \$2,597,100

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and a letter from Property Tax Service Company was received on behalf of the taxpayer; no one appeared before the Board of Tax Review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 130527 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$2,597,100.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Tax Review on September 16, 2015, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing protests on 2015 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, in accordance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: Louisiana Riverboat Gaming Partnership

Legal Description: Diamond Jacks Casino & Resort, 711 Diamond Jacks Blvd., Bossier City, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 149696

Protested Assessed Value: \$4,924,700

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and a letter from Property Tax Service Company was received on behalf of the taxpayer; no one appeared before the Board of Tax Review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 149696 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$4,924,700.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Skaggs announced the protest of Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations, on the assessed values of property located at 4907 Hazel Jones Road, Bossier City, LA, Assessment No. 145525. In lieu of appearance or oral presentations, letters have been received from Industrial Valuation Services on behalf of Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations for Assessment No. 145525 requesting that this case be read into the record with all due consideration and process.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to uphold the assessment of property owned by Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations, on the assessed values of property located at 4907 Hazel Jones Road, Bossier City, LA, Assessment No. 145525, as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Tax Review on September 16, 2015, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing protests on 2015 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, in accordance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations

(Personal Property)

Legal Description: Personal Property located on TR 2H3D, Sec 13, T18N, R18W, at 4907 Hazel Jones Road, Bossier Parish, LA.

Assessment Number: 145525

Protested Assessed Value: \$40,880,400

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and a letter from Industrial Valuation Services was received on behalf of the taxpayer; no one appeared before the Board of Tax Review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 145525 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$40,880,400.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Skaggs announced the protest of CellXion, LLC, 5031 Hazel Jones Road, Bossier City, LA.

Mr. Forrest Pool, Ryan, LLC, 13155 Noel Road, Ste. 100, Dallas, TX, was present on behalf of the taxpayer. He presented a general summary of the overall assessed value on property owned by CellXion, LLC. He stated that their appeal is based on the assessed value of the inventory at the CellXion facility.

Mr. Pool stated that the 2015 non-inventory value has been assessed at \$5,241,933, and the assessed inventory value is \$34,009,988, for a total assessed value of \$39,251,921. He requested that the assessed value be reduced to their indicated market value not adjusted for industrial tax exemption of the same non-inventory assessed value of \$5,241,933, but with an adjustment for inventory that was inadvertently included that is not located in Bossier Parish, as well as slow moving or obsolete inventory, for a total of \$32,397,882.

Mr. Pool stated that Sabre Industries Building Systems by CellXion is a business located at 5031 Hazel Jones Road, Bossier City, LA, which constructs shelters and building systems mainly for the telecom industries. He stated that the buildings are constructed on site and stored for approximately 30 to 45 days, and then delivered to the final site.

Mr. Pool stated that at the end of 2012, a major customer of CellXion placed an order for approximately 100 buildings and the raw materials were ordered. He stated that in 2013 prior to construction of the buildings, the customer pulled the contract with CellXion, leaving them with a large amount of raw materials. Mr. Pool stated that in a normal operating environment, CellXion would have approximately \$20 million worth of inventory on hand, and stated that inventory is normally sold and moved in approximately 30 to 45 days. He stated that due to the contract being pulled, CellXion's inventory increased substantially in 2013 and 2014. Mr. Pool stated that the inventory value in 2014 was approximately \$20 million, but in 2015 the inventory value increased to approximately \$34 million which is well above their normal inventory values.

Mr. Pool stated that the specially ordered raw materials from the cancelled order was the cause of the increase in inventory, and these raw materials have not been able to be used. He stated that it is estimated that the raw material could

be sold for approximately \$.50 on the \$1.00. He further stated that due to the increase in inventory, it is assumed that CellXion's business is thriving, but stated that at the beginning of 2015, employment at the CellXion facility was reduced from 500 to 250. Mr. Pool stated that the specially ordered inventory has been sitting at the facility for several years, unable to be sold.

Mr. Pool stated that the Tax Assessor's Office would not make adjustments on the inventory value based on the inventory being slow moving or obsolete, and requested that the Board of Tax Review take this into consideration and reduce the inventory value.

Mr. Pool stated that the Louisiana State Constitution states that personal property should be valued based on its fair market value. He stated that inventory consists of raw material, work in progress, and finished goods. He further stated that when assessing property, the analyst is interested in assistance in interpreting how much inventory is obsolete, damaged, excessive, or inadequate, which is important when valuing inventory. Mr. Pool stated that when there is an influx in inventory, it should be investigated before making an appraisal.

Mr. Avery asked if the excess inventory cannot be used and if it is considered surplus inventory. Mr. Pool stated that everything has a value, and could be sold as scrap, but would be a loss to the company.

Mr. Skaggs stated that it appears that there was a demand for this material when CellXion placed the order, but the demand is no longer there.

Ms. Rodgers stated that CellXion's inventory was valued based on an inventory list provided by CellXion for the year 2014, and according to rules and regulations, the Tax Assessor's Office is required to average the assessed value, which is \$34,099,988. She stated that the Tax Assessor's Office was also provided with a list of slow moving or obsolete inventory. She further stated that inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market, and stated that it is impossible to substantiate if the inventory is slow moving. Ms. Rodgers stated that the Tax Assessor's Office was not provided a copy of documents filed with CellXion's tax return which would show if the inventory has been written off or if the inventory is still being carried on their books. She stated that CellXion's inventory was assessed based on the information provided to the Tax Assessor's Office and the rules and regulations of the Louisiana Tax Commission.

Mr. Sale presented a list of fixed assets provided by CellXion and a detailed list of slow moving or obsolete inventory. He stated that a reduction in value was requested on the slow moving or obsolete inventory that had not moved in approximately one year. Mr. Sale stated that the slow moving or obsolete inventory submitted by CellXion totaled just under \$3.1 million.

Mr. Sale stated that CellXion also submitted an analysis of CellXion's production capacity and how it is being used based on budgeted capacity amounts for the last several years, which shows that CellXion is operating at about 35 percent capacity. He stated that the slow moving inventory list provided by CellXion represents nine percent of the 2014 total average inventory value, and CellXion's inventory increased approximately 70 percent from 2013. He further stated that slow moving inventory of less than 10 percent is probably very low for a large manufacturer. Mr. Sale stated that the increase of inventory at CellXion seemed to contradict the analysis of capacity of utilization submitted by CellXion, and that the increase in inventory would seem to indicate an anticipated increase in production. He stated that an obsolescence adjustment is not warranted for the relatively small amount identified as slow moving or for capacity utilization.

Mr. Sale stated that CellXion explained the reason for the increase in inventory, and it appears that the contractual issues with CellXion's customer pulling the contract could be a legal issue. He stated that he has not been provided with a list of the inventory directly involved with the cancelled contract and what the value of that inventory would be. Mr. Sale stated that the information provided to the police jury is information provided to the Tax Assessor's Office.

Mr. Benton asked if CellXion could receive a tax credit on the inventory tax for the additional inventory due to the cancelation of a contract. Ms. Rodgers stated that it would qualify for a tax credit, but the Tax Assessor's Office has not been provided with any documents submitted to the state for any tax credits. She stated that inventory taxes would have to be paid before receiving a tax credit.

Ms. Rodgers stated that the Tax Assessor's Office taxed the average inventory as of 2014. She stated that a business is not being valued, just the inventory.

Mr. Benton stated that the inventory could still possibly be used in the future. Ms. Rodgers stated that if the slow moving inventory is removed from CellXion's books, it will no longer be reported for ad valorem taxes. She stated that all inventory is still being reported as an asset for CellXion.

Mr. Pool stated that CellXion is asking for a 20 percent adjustment on inventory that has been on site for six to twelve months, and a 10 percent adjustment on inventory that has been on site for more than 12 months. He stated that approximately \$14 million worth of inventory has been on site for six months, not generating any income. He further stated that the company has downsized, there is a back log of inventory which continues to grow, the assessment values continue to increase, and their tax liability is increasing. Mr. Pool stated that it is illogical for the production at a company to be decreasing and the value increasing.

Mr. Pool stated that their request for a decrease is still \$8 million more than the assessed value for 2014.

Ms. Rodgers stated that personal property, which is moveable inventory, is self-reporting. She stated that the company provided the Tax Assessor's Office with its inventory, which has been assessed based on the information provided. She further stated that a business is not assessed each year based on whether that business is doing well or not.

Mr. Pool stated that \$1,965,618 of the inventory is not located in Bossier Parish and was inadvertently provided as Bossier Parish inventory. Ms. Rodgers stated that they have not been provided that information until today's hearing.

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Avery, to uphold the assessment of property owned by CellXion, LLC, at 5031 Hazel Jones Road, Bossier City, LA, as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Tax Review on September 16, 2015, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing protests on 2015 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, in accordance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: CellXion, LLC

(Personal Property)

Legal Description: Personal Property located on TR-B3, Sec 18, T18N, R12W, at 5031Hazel Jones Road, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 152474

Protested Assessed Value: \$37,461,533

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and no one appeared before the Board of Tax Review representing the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 152474 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$37,461,533.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Skaggs announced the protest of CVH Bossier City, LLC, Town Place Suites, 1009 Gould Drive, Bossier City, LA, Assessment No. 164381. No one was present on behalf of the taxpayer.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Benton, to uphold the assessment of property owned by CVH Bossier City, LLC, Town Place Suites, 1009 Gould Drive, Bossier City, LA, Assessment No. 164381, as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Tax Review on September 16, 2015, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing protests on 2015 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, in accordance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: CVH Bossier City, LLC

Legal Description: Lot 2, Twin Rivers Commercial Subdivision, Town Place Suites, 1009 Gould Drive, Bossier City, LA.

Assessment Number: 164381

Protested Assessed Value: \$4,320,300

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and no one appeared before the Board of Tax Review representing the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 164381 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$4,320,300.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Skaggs announced the protest of Wheeler Dealer 17 Multi, LLC, RLJ McCarthy Landers Dodge Chrysler Jeep, 2701 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA, Assessment No. 152777. No one was present on behalf of the taxpayer.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to uphold the assessment of property owned by Wheeler Dealer 17 Multi, LLC, RLJ McCarthy Landers Dodge Chrysler Jeep, 2701 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA, as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Tax Review on September 16, 2015, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing protests on 2015 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, in accordance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: Wheeler Dealer 17 Multi, LLC

Legal Description: RLJ McCarthy Landers Dodge Chrysler Jeep, 2701 Benton Road, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 152777

Protested Assessed Value: \$4,213,067

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and no one appeared before the Board of Tax Review representing the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 152777 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$4,213,067.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Skaggs announced the protest of Wheeler Dealer 17 Multi, LLC, RLJ McCarthy Landers Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Paint and Body Shop, 2701 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA, Assessment No. 153873. No one was present on behalf of the taxpayer.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to uphold the assessment of property owned by Wheeler Dealer 17 Multi, LLC, RLJ McCarthy Landers Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Paint and Body Shop, 2701 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA, as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury met as a Board of Tax Review on September 16, 2015, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing protests on 2015 tax assessments as established by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, in accordance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, the following assessment was protested:

Property Owner: Wheeler Dealer 17 Multi, LLC

Legal Description: RLJ McCarthy Landers Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Paint and Body Shop, 2701 Benton Road, Bossier Parish, LA

Assessment Number: 153873

Protested Assessed Value: \$727,867

WHEREAS, Notice of Appeal Request for Board of Review was mailed in and no one appeared before the Board of Tax Review representing the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that Assessment No. 153873 be upheld as set by the Bossier Parish Tax Assessor, at \$727,867.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced that an Appeal to the Board of Review from Pivotal Tax Solutions, on behalf of Promise Hospital Bossier City, Assessment No. 164493, was submitted to the Tax Assessor's Office at 6:27 p.m., on September 9, 2015, via email. She stated that the deadline to submit an appeal to the Bossier Parish Police Jury Office was September 9, 2015, and an appeal was not received in the Bossier Parish Police Jury Office from Pivotal Tax Solutions on behalf of Promise Hospital Bossier City, via certified mail, email or facsimile.

Ms. Hauser stated that it is at the police jury's discretion as to whether to consider the appeal submitted by Pivotal Tax Solutions, on behalf of Promise Hospital Bossier City, since the appeal was not submitted to the Bossier Parish Police Jury Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to deny the request for a hearing on an appeal of the assessed value of property filed by Pivotal Tax Solutions, on behalf of Promise Hospital Bossier City, Assessment No. 164493.

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

There being no further protests, the Board of Tax Review was adjourned by the President.

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider the revocation of any and all Bossier Parish Peddler Permits issued to Vivint Louisiana, LLC, and any personnel working therewith, due to violations of Bossier Parish ordinances.

Mr. Jackson requested that this hearing be tabled, to be rescheduled for October 21, 2015. He stated that counsel for Vivint has submitted a letter requesting that this hearing be tabled pending an internal investigation into the issues raised by Bossier Parish, and stated that Vivint agrees to suspend all sales operations in Bossier Parish during its investigation and until a hearing has been held.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to table the hearing to consider the revocation of any and all Bossier Parish Peddler Permits issued to Vivint Louisiana, LLC, and any personnel working therewith, due to violations of Bossier Parish ordinances, to be considered at the October 21, 2015, regular meeting.

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

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Belmere Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 4, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Ms. Michan Holbrook, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that the proposed development is a continuation of the existing units of Belmere Subdivision. She stated that the proposed subdivision will consist of 22 lots, and lot sizes will be the same size as the existing lots in Belmere Subdivision.

Mr. Avery asked if there are any existing issues in connection with drainage from Belmere Subdivision draining into adjacent subdivisions. Mr. Ford requested that Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., ensure that drainage flow from Belmere Subdivision drains to the street and then to the detention pond located on the northwest corner of Belmere Subdivision.

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Benton-Parish MPC, stated that residents in Belmere Subdivision, Unit No. 1, expressed concern over the location of the cluster mailboxes. He stated that the proposed Belmere Subdivision, Unit No. 2, was approved by the Benton-Parish MPC, with the recommendation that all issues regarding the location of the mailboxes are resolved. Mr. Marsiglia stated that all issues with the location of the mailboxes have been resolved as requested.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that a policy has been instituted requiring that the local postmaster will be requested to review all future master plans for development to approve the location of mailboxes.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Belmere Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 4, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, subject to the Parish Engineer's review and approval of drainage plans.**

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

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of St. Charles Court Village Subdivision, Unit No. 5, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 20, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Ryan Estess, Raley & Associates, Inc., was present. Mr. Skaggs requested additional information on Lot 4001 of the proposed development. Mr. Estess stated that an existing lift station constructed for St. Charles Court Village Subdivision, Unit No. 4, is located on Lot 4001.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the plat of the proposed development of St. Charles Court Village Subdivision, Unit No. 5, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 20, 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.**

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of The Bluffs at Olde Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. 1A, being a replat of Lot 1000, The Bluffs at Olde Oaks Subdivision, a Planned Unit Development, located in Sections 23 and 26, Township 17 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Dennis Bamburg was present representing Sligo Enterprises, LLC. Mr. Ford asked if the proposed Unit No. 1A is a buildable site. Mr. Bamburg stated that he owns property located adjacent to the proposed Unit No. 1A. He stated that the existing lot is too narrow to develop and he is requesting approval of the replat to remove wording which prohibits building on the proposed Unit No. 1A. He further stated that he has no immediate plans to develop the proposed Unit No. 1A and the adjacent land, but he may do so in the future.

Mr. Ford stated that a 25-foot building set back will need to be included on the proposed plat. Mr. Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish MPC, stated that the MPC required a replat of Lot 1000 so that for any future development, the same covenants as The Bluffs at Olde Oaks Subdivision are required. He further stated that the MPC notified property owners within an area further than the required 300 feet of the development, and no opposition was received from any resident.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve the plat of the proposed development of The Bluffs at Olde Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. 1A, being a replat of Lot 1000, The Bluffs at Olde Oaks Subdivision, a Planned Unit Development, located in Sections 23 and 26, Township 17 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, subject to review and approval by the Parish Engineer of a revised plat providing a 25-foot building setback.**

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

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 223 Voss Road, Benton, LA. Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property 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. Rimmer, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 223 Voss Road, Benton, LA.

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

Mr. Ghormley presented photographs of condemned property at 121 Bolinger Cutoff Road, Haughton, LA, advising that parish crews have completed cleanup of the property. He stated that a lien on the property will be filed with the 26th Judicial District Clerk of Court's Office.

Mr. Benton, Chairman of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Plummer, and Mr. Shewmake were present. He stated that Mr. Altimus, Mr. Ford, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Nguyen Kha were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Hammack and Mr. Rimmer.

Mr. Ford reported that an update was provided to the committee on the water level of the Red River, and on discussions with the Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency regarding base flood elevations.

Mr. Ford stated that a new sewer ordinance was presented to the committee that establishes regulations for providing sewer in the Parish of Bossier and the requirement for newly constructed sewer systems to be turned over to the Parish of Bossier through the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, Parish of Bossier. He stated that the proposed ordinance will be presented at the October 7, 2015, regular meeting for consideration.

Mr. Ford presented a report of a drainage issue at 1902 Castlewood Circle, Bayou Bend Subdivision, Unit No. 7-A. He stated that a drainage pipe located on this property is tacitly dedicated to the parish, which will allow the parish to make the needed improvements. He further stated that parish crews will begin work on the drainage pipe next week.

Mr. William Baker, 1902 Castlewood Circle, presented photographs of the damage caused by the drainage pipe.

Mr. Ford submitted a request from Cypress Bend Homeowners Association for the police jury's assistance in the cost of concreting a 45 to 50 foot area around the gate entrance to Cypress Bend Subdivision, and the installation of loop detectors. He stated that the total cost of the project is approximately \$20,000, and Cypress Bend Homeowners Association has requested that the parish participate in the cost of this project in the amount of \$6,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to amend the agenda to consider approval of an expenditure of \$6,000 to the Cypress Bend Homeowners Association to assist in the cost of concreting 45 to 50 feet around the gate entrance to Cypress Bend Subdivision, and the installation of loop detectors.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried, with the following vote recorded:**

- AYES:** Mr. Avery, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Cook, Mr. Darby, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
- NAYS:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
- ABSENT:** None

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve an expenditure of \$6,000 to the Cypress Bend Homeowners Association to assist in the cost of concreting 45 to 50 feet around the gate entrance to Cypress Bend Subdivision, and the installation of loop detectors.

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

Mr. Ford stated that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development will be cleaning out the culverts at Interstate 20 and Forest Hills Subdivision next week.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Benton, to appoint Mr. Martin Bourgeois to the Bossier City-Parish MPC Zoning Board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. James Harris, term to expire June 1, 2017.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve an amendment to the contract with Beast Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$272,145.50, for construction management and inspection services for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, and to authorize execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Ford stated that the cost for the additional engineering services will be reimbursed by the Department of Environmental Quality.

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 16th day of September, 2015, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, an amendment to the contract with Beast Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$272,145.50, for construction management and inspection services for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cook. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the donation of a 2015 TIGR Utility Trailer, VIN No. 5UTBU1221FM003041, to the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, 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 16th day of September, 2015, that it does hereby authorize its President, Jack Skaggs, to execute on its behalf, any and all documents in connection with the donation of a 2015 TIGR Utility Trailer, VIN No. 5UTBU1221FM003041, to the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to ratify and accept the recommendation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Board of Appeals on September 2, 2015, to uphold the findings of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit in the matter of Fowler Transportation, Report No. 1170, issued on July 25, 2015.

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

Mr. Jackson stated that the parish has been working diligently with all agencies involved in analyzing new data from the Red River flood event in an effort to establish new flood elevations, or to determine that no base flood elevations can be established on the river side of the levee.

Mr. Ford reported that there has been extensive discussion with FEMA to establish an advisory base flood elevation for development on the river side of the levee, but no base flood elevation has been set. He stated that no building permits should be allowed until such time as an advisory base flood elevation can be established.

Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury has been working to determine how to return properties located on the river side of the levee to marketable properties and protect future purchasers, as well as protect the Bossier Parish Police Jury from any claims that may arise from another flood event. He stated that the police jury has an obligation under the National Flood Insurance Program to adopt certain flood ordinances to ensure that the parish remains in compliance with the program and the citizens of Bossier Parish are able to participate in the program.

Mr. Jackson stated that due to the recent flood event, the parish has knowledge, and the regulatory agencies have stated in public meetings, that the base flood elevations established prior to the flood event are no longer sufficient. He stated that it is apparent that base flood elevations have changed due to silting in the Red River. Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury could require the owners of property on the river side of the levee to obtain a new base flood elevation established for each lot, but the police jury has been advised that it could take approximately three to five years for the Corps of Engineers to obtain the appropriate funding to restudy the Red River and establish new base flood elevations through FEMA. He stated that this process would not be beneficial to developers or the police jury in its attempt to return the properties back into commerce.

Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury needs to determine the best process to protect the parish from a potential lawsuit should development be allowed to continue on the river side of the levee and another flood event occurs. He recommended that the parish use the high water mark as the best information to set interim base flood elevations. He further stated that parish ordinances require that the lowest floor elevation be at the base flood elevation, plus one foot. Mr. Jackson stated that the parish could adopt the high water mark, plus one foot, as a temporary base flood elevation in order for development to continue on the river side of the levee. He stated that adopting the high water mark as the base flood elevation will create some developmental challenges for the developer, and adjustments to the restrictive covenants will be necessary, as well as changes to the building code pertaining to the finished floor elevation of the slab.

Mr. Jackson stated that one of the main concerns is the time in which it takes the regulatory agencies that the parish relies on for guidance to ensure that the parish can participate in the National Flood Insurance Program to provide needed information pertaining to base flood elevations. He stated that the parish has been in contact with FEMA and the Corps of Engineers regarding the base flood elevations, but has been unsuccessful in receiving the needed information to provide a recommendation to set policies for continued development on the river side of the levee.

Mr. Jackson recommended an additional 90-day moratorium on the issuance of building permits for any development on the river side of the levee in Bossier Parish.

Mr. Avery asked if building permits can be issued based on the current base flood elevations as set by the Corps of Engineers and FEMA. Mr. Jackson stated that the law clearly states if the parish knowingly allows development in an area that floods, the parish is liable. He stated that the only way to avoid that liability is if the parish adopts the FEMA Management Codes and only authorizes structures to be built according to adopted flood plain management plans. He stated that the time frame in which it takes FEMA to issue new plans is not beneficial to the parish or developers. Mr. Jackson stated that existing plans are no longer accurate since the flood event, which requires the parish to use the best information available, which is the use of the high water mark of the flood as the base flood elevation.

Mr. Jackson stated that if the parish allows development on the river side of the levee with the current base flood elevations approved, and another flood event occurs, the parish would stand as an insurer to those homes.

Mr. Jackson stated that a request has been submitted to FEMA to allow the parish to use the high water mark as the interim base flood elevation to allow continued development on the river side of the levee. He stated that FEMA has not provided a response to the request.

Mr. Ford stated that Caddo Parish is not issuing building permits with the current base flood elevations.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to extend the current moratorium on the issuance of building permits for any development on the river side of the levee in Bossier Parish for 90 days.**

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

Mr. Jackson stated that North Caddo Medical Center has requested approval to open a medical clinic in the Town of Benton.

Mr. Dakota Robinson, North Caddo Medical Center, requested permission from the police jury to operate a medical clinic on Burt Boulevard, Benton, LA.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve a Corporate Endeavor Agreement with North Caddo Hospital Service District, a political subdivision of the Caddo Parish Commission, operating under the laws of the State of Louisiana, d/b/a North Caddo Medical Center, 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 16th day of September, 2015, that it does hereby approve the Corporate Endeavor Agreement by and between North Caddo Hospital Service District, a political subdivision of the Caddo Parish Commission, operating under the laws of the State of Louisiana, d/b/a North Caddo Medical Center and the Bossier Parish Police Jury, to own and operate a medical facility, and to staff, furnish, manage, and provide healthcare related services to the citizens of Bossier Parish, and others as may be necessary, at the sole expense of North Caddo Medical Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Corporate Endeavor Agreement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Change Order No. 4 on the Kingston Road Improvements, Phase I, Project No. 2014-414, advising that the change order results in a deduct of \$37,226.87. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve Change Order No. 4 on the Kingston Road Improvements, Phase I, Project No. 2014-414, 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 16th day of September, 2015, that it does hereby approve Change Order No. 4 on the Kingston Road Improvements, Phase I, Project No. 2014-414.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jack Skaggs, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Change Order No. 4.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt a resolution certifying that local matching funds are available and pledged to the New Pavilions at South Bossier Park, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 50-J08-15-01, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents in connection with said FP&C Project No. 50-J08-15-01.

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 16th day of September, 2015, that it does hereby certify that local matching funds are available and pledged to the New Pavilions at South Bossier Park, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 50-J08-15-01.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said FP&C Project No. 50-J08-15-01.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt a resolution certifying that local matching funds are available and pledged to the Lawson Bo Brandon Sports Complex Utilities, Fencing and Playground Improvements, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 50-J08-15-02, and to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute any and all documents in connection with said FP&C Project No. 50-J08-15-02.

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 16th day of September, 2015, that it does hereby certify that local matching funds are available and pledged to the Lawson Bo Brandon Sports Complex Utilities, Fencing and Playground Improvements, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 50-J08-15-02.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said FP&C Project No. 50-J08-15-02.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 6 on the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier Wastewater Treatment Facility, North Bossier Parish Area, FP&C Project No. 50-J08-06B-02, advising that the plan change results in an additional cost of \$58,000, and provides for 14 additional contract days. He stated that the Office of Facility Planning and Control has been asked to participate in the cost of this plan change.

Mr. Ford requested that the President be authorized to execute an agreement with River Rouge Plantation, LLC, for a new access and servitude for re-installation and future maintenance of an outfall pipe at the sewer plant in an

amount not to exceed \$3,200. He stated that the previously purchased access and servitude were washed away during the 2015 Red River flood event. He stated that reimbursement for the cost of the plan change and purchase of new access will be requested from Facility Planning and Control and FEMA.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve Plan Change No. 6 on the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier Wastewater Treatment Facility, North Bossier Parish Area, FP&C Project No. 50-J08-06B-02, subject to approval by the Office of Facility Planning and Control, and to authorize the President to execute documents, and to authorize the President to execute an agreement with River Rouge Plantation, LLC, landowners adjacent to the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 sewer plant to allow the Parish of Bossier a new access and servitude on their property for re-installation and future maintenance of an outfall pipe at the sewer plant in an amount not to exceed \$3,200.

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 16th day of September, 2015, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 6 on the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier Wastewater Treatment Facility, North Bossier Parish Area, FP&C Project No. 50-J08-06B-02, subject to approval by the Office of Facility Planning and Control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jack Skaggs, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 6.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of September, 2015, that Jack Skaggs, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents or contracts in connection with an agreement with River Rouge Plantation, LLC, landowners adjacent to the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 sewer plant to allow the Parish of Bossier a new access and servitude on their property for re-installation and future maintenance for an outfall pipe at the sewer plant in an amount not to exceed \$3,200.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of September, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford reported that the Smith Road Bridge is now open. He further reported that tank cars have been installed for the Poole Road Bridge.

Mr. Ford reported that he, Mr. Coutee and Mr. Craig will be attending the Louisiana Parish Engineers and Supervisors meeting in Lake Charles, LA.

Mr. Ford stated that work on the Asphaltic Concrete Overlay of Woodlake Subdivision Entrance and Placement of P.C. Concrete Pavement for Woodfern Lane Project No. 2015-436 will begin Monday.

Mr. Mark Coutee, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish. He reported that 14.07 miles of the 2015 Road Overlay Program are now complete.

Mr. Benton reported that dirt work is needed at the 4200 block of Highway 80. He stated that this is the site where the Statewide Flood Control Improvements to Tall Timbers Lateral project was previously done.

Mr. Rimmer reported on the North Louisiana Economic Partnership breakfast meeting he recently attended.

Mr. Rimmer stated that the 9-11 ceremony recently held in the Liberty Garden at the Bossier City Municipal Complex was well attended.

Mr. Avery requested an update on repairs to the wing walls at the Cypress Lake spillway. Mr. Ford stated that Cypress Black Bayou Recreation & Water Conservation District has posted the area with "No Trespassing" signs. He stated that he will review the damaged area and contact the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation & Water Conservation District to further discuss this matter.

Finance Committee Meeting – September 16, 2015, 1:00 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 16th day of September, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with all members present.

Ms. Shonda Houston-Dotie and Ms. Renita Mickle, Volunteers for Youth Justice, were present. Ms. Dotie expressed appreciation to the police jury for its continued support, and requested that the jury consider a budget appropriation in the amount of \$45,000 to the Volunteers for Youth Justice Bossier JumpStart program for the year 2016.

Ms. Dotie stated that the Bossier JumpStart Program consists of two life skill programs, Power of Choice and Stamp Out Shoplifting. She stated that these programs are very beneficial to juveniles who have gone through the court system for minor offenses.

Ms. Dotie stated that they have a multi-disciplinary team that works with these programs. She stated that office space for Ms. Mickle is provided by the Bossier City Court, classrooms are provided by the Bossier Parish School Board and security for the classrooms is provided by the Bossier City Police Department. She further stated that referrals for the programs are provided by the Bossier Parish District Attorney's Office, and the Bossier Parish Police Jury provides financial support. She stated that it is a community effort to assist in guiding the juveniles to make better life choices.

Ms. Dotie stated that for the year 2014, they received 196 referrals for the Power of Choice Program, and 63 referrals for the Stamp Out Shoplifting Program. She stated that there were 169 successful completions in the Power of Choice Program, and 51 successful completions in the Stamp Out Program. Ms. Dotie stated that for the year 2015 through August 31st, they have received 128 referrals for the Power of Choice Program, and 49 referrals for the Stamp Out Shoplifting Program. She expressed appreciation to the Bossier Parish District Attorney's Office and the 26th Judicial District Court Judges, as well as the Judges in the Bossier City Court, for their continued support of the programs.

Ms. Dotie stated that the participation rate of Bossier Parish juveniles in the programs is greater than Caddo Parish.

Ms. Mickle reported on a success story of a young man that completed the program at the age of 14, and has since graduated high school, and is now attending college. She stated that he has returned to volunteer in the program.

The request will be considered during budget proceedings.

Ms. Jan Elkins, KTBS, extended appreciation to the police jury for its support of the 2015 Independence Day Festival. She stated that there were many challenges with the event this year due to the flood event. Ms. Elkins stated that the Bossier Parish Police Jury received a minimum of \$90,000 in television exposure, not including live interviews.

Ms. Elkins requested that the police jury consider a contribution to the 2016 Independence Day Festival. She stated that the event expresses appreciation to God for a free country and freedom to celebrate. She further stated that this event expresses appreciation to the men and women who fight to keep our country free.

Ms. Elkins stated that attendance at the 2015 Independence Day Festival was lower than usual due to the rain, and the Red River flood event, but stated that approximately 60,000 attended on the Shreveport side of the river, and approximately 40,000 to 45,000 attended on the Bossier City side of the river. She stated that it is important that this event remain free to the public, and in order to keep the event free, it is imperative to continue to receive donations for the event.

Ms. Elkins stated that the entertainment this year was provided by three national acts and three local acts, which were all free to the public.

Mr. Benton asked if there is any record of the number of hotel rooms occupied during the Independence Day Festival. Ms. Elkins stated that statistics indicate that almost all hotel rooms are occupied in Bossier City and Shreveport during the event, and stated that she will provide an accounting of the hotel rooms occupied at a later date.

Ms. Elkins again expressed appreciation to the police jury for its continued support, and requested that the jury consider a budget appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 to the 2016 Independence Day Festival.

The request will be considered during budget proceedings.

Mr. Mike Rabinowitz, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office Comptroller, Major Charles Gray and Major Kesha Harris, Corrections Division, were present. Mr. Rabinowitz requested that the police jurors contact him if there are any questions regarding the 2016 budget requests on behalf of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Benton asked for additional information pertaining to the reimbursement request to the police jury for payroll. Mr. Rabinowitz presented a list of all payroll reimbursement requests.

Mr. Jackson stated that the part-time and full-time security personnel provide security for the courthouse. He stated that reimbursement for payroll for the nurse, LPN/Paramedics, Medical Clerk and pharmacist are part of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office for the prison system. Mr. Jackson stated that Section 8 reimbursement is for Mr. Kenneth Starnes, and maintenance, fuel and work bus reimbursement is for the buses used for litter pickup.

Mr. Benton asked why there was a large increase in the budget requests. Mr. Jackson stated that an increase in salaries, medical insurance and retirement is the reason for an increase in budget requests from the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Rabinowitz stated that health insurance premiums increased substantially.

Mr. Avery extended congratulations to those in the Sheriff's Office for receiving awards for their efforts during the flood event.

Major Gray stated that requests for the Maximum Security Facility include replacement of office chairs in the booking office, replacement of carpet in the lobby, the addition of 32 security cameras and two DVRs, and the removal of rubber base boards throughout the building. Mr. Avery asked if tile would be more durable in the lobby. Major Gray stated that tile is preferred.

Major Gray stated that requests for the Minimum Security Facility include replacement of the gutter system around the roof, replacement of office chairs, cool seal or an equivalent to cool seal to the roof to help control the temperature in the building, replacement of eight blue exterior metal doors, and additional cameras to the dormitories. He stated that requests are also being made for replacement of two kitchen sinks and a steam table in the kitchen, as well as the replacement and upgrade of 14 electric door locks, and the replacement and upgrade of 14 hydraulic arms on the interior security doors. Major Gray stated that a 12 lead EKG machine is needed for the infirmary.

Mr. Jackson expressed appreciation to Major Gray and Major Harris for their continued support. He stated that the deputies working at the facilities have been diligent in identifying inmates with potentially high medical costs, which allows the court system to process them more quickly in an effort to save the taxpayers from paying these additional medical costs.

The requests will be considered during budget proceedings.

Mr. Ken Latin, Sci-Port: Louisiana's Science Center, requested a budget appropriation of \$8,500 for the year 2016 for Sci-Port, advising that if approved, the requested funding will be used to allow Bossier Parish citizens residing outside the corporate limits of the City of Bossier City to visit the facility at a reduced admission rate on the first Wednesday of each month. He stated that on "Wonderful Wednesday", residents of Bossier City pay a reduced admission fee of \$3.00 to visit Sci-Port, advising that the regular admission fee is currently \$13.00. Mr. Latin stated that Caddo Parish and the City of Bossier City provide funding each year to Sci-Port, and these funds are used to allow city and parish residents to visit the facility on "Wonderful Wednesday" at the reduced rate. He stated that Desoto Parish provides funding each year to allow their residents to visit the facility free of charge on a Saturday.

Mr. Latin stated that a Power of Play Museum will open for the children next year.

Mr. Latin stated that approximately 6,000 residents of Bossier Parish visited Sci-Port in 2013, and they would like to be able to offer Bossier Parish residents the reduced admission rate on the first Wednesday of each month.

Mr. Rimmer asked how much the City of Bossier City provides each year. Mr. Latin stated that the City of Bossier City contributes \$50,000 each year, and stated that DeSoto Parish provides \$12,500 per year.

Mr. Avery requested that the police jury consider appropriating funds for the year 2016 to allow the residents outside the Bossier City limits to participate in a reduced admission fee at Sci-Port.

The request will be considered during budget proceedings.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices in the amount of \$655.16 for the Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter for the month of August, 2015, as follows:

Elliott Electric Company	\$ 17.16
Gulf States Environmental Laboratories, Inc.	\$ 70.00
Tubbs Hardware & Rental	\$135.00
Bobby Brannon Heating & Air Conditioning	\$433.00

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. Darby, to approve payment of all other accounts payable invoices for the month of August, 2015.

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

Mr. Cochran requested that the request from Plantation Park Elementary for discretionary funds for the purchase of two robotic kits be removed from the agenda. He stated that funds are available through the Cyber Innovation Center to provide the school with the needed robotic kits.

Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, that Mr. Cochran will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$1,025.89, and Mr. Darby and Mr. Shewmake will contribute discretionary funds in the amount of \$500 each, for a total of \$2,025.89, to Bossier Elementary School for the purchase of computer tablets.

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

Ms. Vicky Lynch, Supervisor of the Accountability and Assessment Department and Talented and Gifted Program for Bossier Parish Schools, expressed appreciation to the police jury for reconsidering the request for discretionary funds for registration expenses for four elementary school teachers to attend the National Association of Gifted Children Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, in November, 2015. She stated that she understands that if the request is approved, it will set a precedent for this type of request to continue in the future.

Ms. Lynch expressed appreciation for the police jury's support of Bossier Parish schools through the contribution of its discretionary funds.

Mr. Rimmer stated that he feels the request needed to be reconsidered for those jurors who may have matching discretionary funds available to assist the teachers in attending this convention. He stated that those teachers who attended the convention in 2012 obtained valuable information used to assist the gifted children in Bossier Parish.

Mr. Shewmake stated that he does not object to the jurors donating discretionary funds for this cause, but does not feel that discretionary funds should be used for teachers, administration, and coaches to attend conventions.

Mr. Darby stated that discretionary funds have been used for students, for equipment needed in classrooms or for sports, and feels that the police jury should not deviate from using these funds specifically for students. He expressed appreciation to the teachers for wanting to obtain additional knowledge and tools to teach the students.

Mr. Benton stated that the school board should budget funds for teachers to attend conventions.

The request for discretionary funds for registration expenses for four elementary school teachers to attend the National Association of Gifted Children Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, in November, 2015, was removed from the agenda.

Mr. Jackson presented a request from the Bossier Parish Assessor's Office for the police jury's pro-rata share of legal fees owed in connection with the appeal filed by Riverboat Gaming Partnership, et al (Diamond Jack's Casino and Resort) of its 2013 property values as set by the Tax Assessor. He stated that the police jury's pro-rata share of the cost is \$2,099.65.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to ratify approval of the payment of an invoice from Weiner, Weiss & Madison in the amount of \$2,099.65, which represents the police jury's pro-rata share of legal fees owed in connection with the appeal filed by Riverboat Gaming Partnership, et al (Diamond Jack's Casino & Resort) of its 2013 property values as set by the Tax Assessor.

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

Mr. Jeff Rogers, representing the Town of Houghton, presented a request for in-kind services from the police jury for construction of the Joe Delaney Memorial Park-Phase I. He stated that dirt, some equipment and time have been donated for the construction of the park, but a dozer is needed to assist with spreading the dirt. He requested that the police jury consider providing in-kind services by providing a dozer to assist with spreading dirt at the park.

Mr. Rogers stated that this park will not only serve as a memorial to Joe Delaney, but will also provide recognition for the Town of Haughton, as well as the Parish of Bossier. He stated that Mr. Delaney was a student and athlete from Haughton, and played football at Northwestern State University and the National Football League with the Kansas City Chiefs. Mr. Rogers stated that Mr. Delaney was a true hero from Haughton, LA.

Mr. Rogers expressed appreciation to the police jury for the establishment of the Parks and Recreation Department to better serve the parks in Bossier Parish. He stated that parks are important for the children of Bossier Parish.

Mr. Brotherton stated that he had the opportunity to coach Mr. Delaney and that a memorial park in his honor is well deserved.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve a request from the Town of Haughton for in-kind services needed in the construction of the Joe Delaney Memorial Park-Phase I.**

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 16th day of September, 2015, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:02 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JACKSKAGGS, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY