

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES

November 4, 2015

www.bossierparishla.gov

The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 Mr. Jerome Darby, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Ms. Wanda Bennett. 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, 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. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary.

\*\*\*

Mr. Kelly Wells, Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission, reported on activities of the sports commission and expressed appreciation to the police jury for its continued support. He stated that the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission represents Caddo and Bossier Parishes, and further stated that the advisory board for the sports commission is made up of appointed officials from the City of Shreveport, City of Bossier City, Caddo and Bossier Parishes.

Mr. Wells stated that the mission of the sports commission is to bring sporting events to Caddo and Bossier Parishes to generate an economic impact to the Shreveport-Bossier City area by creating more tourism and improve the quality of life and offerings to the communities.

Mr. Wells stated that the sports commission was created in 2012 and hosted 45 sporting events that year. He stated that 68 sporting events were hosted by the sports commission in 2015. Mr. Wells stated that the sports commission provides resources for the sporting events, including funding and volunteer work. He further stated that the sports commission currently employs four full-time employees, and one employee's responsibility is to manage approximately 1,500 volunteers that provide labor and participation for the sporting events.

Mr. Wells stated that the sports commission will be hosting the 2016 LA Regional Archery Championship and will be submitting a bid to host the 2016-2017 LA State Archery Tournament and 2017 National Archery in the School Program World Championship. He further stated that the sports commission partnered with Thunder Roads Raceway located in Gilliam, LA, and hosted the National Hot Rod Association Championship, as well as four major racing events in 2015.

Mr. Wells provided additional information on sporting events that have been hosted by the sports commission, as well as future potential sporting events, including the potential economic impact and effect of the quality of life the events could have on Caddo and Bossier Parishes.

Mr. Wells requested support for the proposed proposition on the November 21, 2015, ballot for a 1.5 percent hotel and motel occupancy tax increase. He stated that if the proposed proposition is approved, the Camping World Independence Bowl, Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance, and the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission will equally share the estimated \$1.7 million, with each entity receiving approximately \$550,000 annually. He further stated that it is planned that the tax revenues received would be invested to improve air services, create a solid foundation for the Independence Bowl, and bring in larger sporting events to the Shreveport-Bossier area, as well as generate a positive economic impact to the Shreveport-Bossier City area by creating more tourism and improving the quality of life and offerings to the community.

Mr. Wells stated that the proposed hotel and motel occupancy tax increase would add an additional \$1.10 on average to each overnight visitor's stay. He stated that Shreveport and Bossier City currently has the lowest hotel average daily rate at \$74.56, and with the proposed 1.5 percent hotel tax increase, the Shreveport-Bossier City hotels and motels would remain the lowest rates in the state. Mr. Wells stated that the Shreveport-Bossier Hotel and Lodging Association is in agreement with the proposed 1.5 percent hotel and motel tax increase. He encouraged the police jurors to help educate the public on the proposed proposition and requested the police jury's support.

Ms. Bennett recommended support of the proposed proposition on the November 21, 2015, ballot for a 1.5 percent hotel and motel occupancy tax increase.

\*\*\*

Chief Kenny Tyson, South Bossier Parish Fire District No. 2, requested that the police jury consider extending Bull Fight Drive to Highway 527 to assist with the traffic issues due to the Sligo Road Bridge closure. He stated that with an extension of Bull Fight Drive to Highway 527, emergency response time would be decreased from approximately 12 minutes to 6 minutes in this area. Chief Tyson requested that the extension of Bull Fight Drive be considered in the very near future.

Mr. Brotherton extended appreciation to Chief Tyson for his report. He stated that traveling in this area has become difficult due to the closure of the Sligo Road Bridge, and stated that the population in this area continues to increase. Mr. Brotherton stated that the Bossier Parish School Board recently purchased property in this area to potentially build an elementary school in the future.

Mr. Brotherton stated that traffic has substantially increased on Caplis Sligo Road due to an increase of activities at the South Bossier Park, as well as the roadway serving as the detour route while the Sligo Road Bridge is closed.

Mr. Brotherton recommended that the extension of Bull Fight Drive be considered.

Mr. Ford stated that several complaints have been received from citizens living on Caplis Sligo Road due to the increase of traffic as a result of the detour. He stated that a major concern is the intersection of Bull Fight Drive and Caplis Sligo Road. Mr. Ford recommended that a line and grade study be done to identify alternative routes for the extension of Bull Fight Drive. He stated that the extension would be approximately 3.25 miles to Highway 527. He further stated that he recommends a route that is less invasive on landowners.

Mr. Brotherton asked if any bodies of water will be crossed if Bull Fight Drive is extended. Mr. Ford stated that a small bayou will need to be crossed, but stated it is possible that culverts would be acceptable.

Chief Tyson stated that there have been several fatal vehicle accidents on Highway 71 due to the increase of traffic on Caplis Sligo Road.

Mr. Ford is to obtain a proposal for a line and grade study for the extension of Bull Fight Drive, to be considered at the November 18, 2015, regular meeting.

\*\*\*

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Bee Bend Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 2, being a resubdivision of Lot 6, Bee Bend Acres Subdivision, located in Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Craig Vitrano, North Airline Self Storage, LLC, requested approval to subdivide the property into two lots. He stated that each proposed lot has an existing business located on the lot. Mr. Vitrano stated that the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission has approved the proposed subdivision of the lots.

Mr. Ford stated that the proposed plat provides for an access servitude for both lots. He stated that the proposed driveway will be a private drive.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Bee Bend Acres Subdivision, Unit No. 2, being a resubdivision of Lot 6, Bee Bend Acres Subdivision, located in Section 28, 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 Minor Plat for Jack Daniel Lafield and Shanna Kay Raley Lafield, located in Section 3, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Ms. Shanna Lafield stated that the one-acre tract of land was purchased from a 5.861 acre tract, and construction of a house is planned on the one-acre tract.

Mr. Ford stated that there are two existing structures on the remaining 4.861-acre tract, and the one-acre tract provides for a 16-foot wide Servitude of Passage to access a mobile home located behind the one-acre tract.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the Minor Plat for Jack Daniel Lafield and Shanna Kay Raley Lafield, located in Section 3, 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 Cristal Oak Commercial Subdivision, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Ward Bryant was present requesting approval to combine two tracts of land to make one large lot for a commercial development. He stated that a chain restaurant is planned in the commercial development, which will include a drive-thru window.

Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that the developer is requesting to combine two tracts of land into one large lot. He stated that the proposed site plan for the development will be presented Monday for consideration by the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Ford stated that he recently received drainage plans for the proposed development, and a detention pond is planned to be located on the back portion of the lot. He stated that two driveways are proposed for the commercial development, and stated that the driveway located at the north end of the proposed development will be located directly across Airline Drive from a driveway of an existing commercial development. Mr. Ford stated that there is concern that the driveways for the proposed commercial development are located too close in proximity to each other, which may cause traffic issues on Airline Drive. He stated that due to the proposed restaurant having a drive-thru window, stacking of vehicles is a possibility which could potentially back traffic up onto Airline Drive.

Mr. Ford stated that after reviewing the proposed plans, it is recommended that a dual menu board be considered for the restaurant's drive-thru to help prevent stacking of vehicles. Mr. Skaggs asked if the restaurant will consist of a pay window and a pick-up window. Mr. Bryant stated that one window is planned. Mr. Skaggs expressed concern that one window will not be sufficient for a dual menu board, and recommended a pay window and pick-up window to regulate flow of traffic in the drive-thru for the restaurant.

Ms. Bennett stated that she is concerned that there are several unresolved issue pertaining to the site plan for the proposed commercial development, and recommended that all issues be resolved prior to approval of the proposed plat. Mr. Ford recommended that the plat be approved today, and the site plan be presented at a later date for approval.

Mr. Cochran recommended that one large entrance be considered for the proposed commercial development. Mr. Ford stated that an additional restaurant is planned in the commercial development in the future. Mr. Cochran stated that he is concerned that two driveways will create traffic issues on Airline Drive.

Mr. Ford stated that sewerage will be provided by the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

Mr. Marsiglia requested that a revised site plan be submitted prior to the Bossier City-Parish MPC hearing scheduled for Monday to consider the site plan for the proposed commercial development. Mr. Ford stated that he will be reviewing the proposed site plan and will provide his recommendations at a later date for the proposed commercial development.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to approve the proposed development of Cristal Oak Commercial Subdivision, located in Section 21, 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 Survey for Edwin Eugene Roach, located in Section 2, Township 16 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

No one was present. Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Roach has purchased two tracts of land to construct a home, but will be required to obtain a Servitude of Passage from landowners in order to access the two tracts of land. He stated that an existing oilfield road will be used, but an additional roadway will need to be constructed to access the property. He recommended that this matter be tabled.

Mr. Avery recommended that all emergency services be allowed to review the plans for the proposed roadway to ensure that emergency vehicles will be able to access the roadway.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to table the public hearing to consider approval of the Plat of Survey for Edwin Eugene Roach, located in Section 2, Township 16 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, to be considered at the November 18, 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 the application of Verizon Wireless to the Bossier-City Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Approval for a cell tower location at 2090 Colleen Street, Bossier Parish, LA. The application received a favorable recommendation from the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Steve Turner was present. Mr. Ford stated that a 190 foot monopole is planned to be located on Bossier Parish School Board property, and a lease will be executed between the two entities. He stated that the proposed 190 foot monopole will not conflict with potential future development on the Cooley's property.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the application of Verizon Wireless to the Bossier-City Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Approval for a cell tower location at 2090 Colleen Street, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4590

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE ON AN R-A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 2090 COLLEEN STREET, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FOR LOCATION OF 190' MONOPOLE CELL TOWER.

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless has applied to the Bossier Parish Police Jury for Conditional Use on an R-A tract of land located at 2090 Colleen Street, Bossier Parish, LA, for location of a 190' monopole cell tower; and

WHEREAS, the application has been approved by the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the application was held by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on November 4, 2015.

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use on an R-A tract of land located at 2090 Colleen Street, Bossier Parish, LA, is hereby approved for the location of a 190' monopole cell tower.

The Ordinance was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

\*\*\*

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles on Marshall Road, located off Bellevue Road in Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, and providing penalties for violation thereof.

Mr. Joseph Bellson, Jr., 194 Marshall Road, Haughton, LA, stated that he is opposed to prohibiting parking on Marshall Road. He stated that property located on Marshall Road floods frequently, and the residents are forced to park on the side of the roadway in order to access their homes. He further stated that he and his family have lived on Marshall Road for more than 50 years, and speeding and parking on the side of Marshall Road have never been an issue in the past.

Mr. Darby asked how many families live on Marshall Road. Mr. Jackson stated that he is unsure, but a request was made at the October 21, 2015, regular meeting for a 25 mile per hour speed limit to be established on Marshall Road, as well as "Children at Play" and a "Dead End" sign. He further stated that it was requested that no parking be allowed on Marshall Road.

Mr. Darrell Evans, 210 Marshall Road, Haughton, LA, stated that no vehicles are parked on the side of Marshall Road during the daytime hours, and stated that due to drainage issues that affect the homes located in the curve and towards the end of Marshall Road, residents are required to park on the side of Marshall Road. Mr. Evans stated that parking on the side of Marshall Road is not a problem and taxpayer dollars should not be spent for "No Parking" signs.

Mr. Skaggs stated that it was determined that vehicles parking on the side of Marshall Road could prevent emergency vehicles from responding to an emergency call. Mr. Evans asked for clarification if parking on the roadway is an issue on Marshall Road or South Marshall Road.

Mr. Bellson stated that vehicles parking on the side of Marshall Road would not prohibit emergency vehicles from responding to an emergency in this area.

Mr. Jackson stated that a resident requested "No Parking" signs on Marshall Road, and stated that a public hearing was scheduled to allow the residents being affected by the request to present their comments to the police jury.

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Bellson if he is aware of any issues in the past of emergency vehicles not being able to travel down Marshall Road due to vehicles being parked on the side of the roadway. Mr. Bellson stated that he is not

aware of any traffic issues or accidents on Marshall Road due to vehicles being parked on the side of the roadway. He stated that the residents of Marshall Road are a community, and if there are any issues that need to be addressed, the residents would be willing to work as a community to resolve them. Mr. Bellson stated that there are approximately 13 families on Marshall Road, but due to the flooding in this area, several residents are unable to access their driveways and are required to park on the roadway.

Mr. Bellson stated that there are no children that play on Marshall Road and the vehicles that do park on the side of the roadway do not prohibit other vehicles from passing. He stated that South Marshall Road residents do park on the roadway which causes traffic issues on South Marshall Road.

Mr. Darby asked Mr. Ford if he has surveyed this area due to the complaint of parking on the roadway. Mr. Ford stated that he has not reviewed the complaint pertaining to parking on the roadway, but has been working with residents pertaining to drainage issues on Marshall Road. He stated that he did not witness any vehicles parked on the roadway when he met with residents previously. Mr. Darby stated that it appears the parking of vehicles on the roadway is a problem that is occurring in the evening.

Mr. Larry Stroger, 1154 South Marshall Road, Haughton, LA, expressed appreciation to the police jury for the "Children at Play" and "Dead End" signs, and establishing a 25 mile per hour speed limit on Marshall Road.

After further discussion, it was determined that the parking of vehicles on the roadway is occurring on South Marshall Road. Mr. Ford is to contact emergency service entities to determine if the vehicles being parked on South Marshall Road would inhibit emergency vehicles from responding to an emergency.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to table the hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles on Marshall Road, located off Bellevue Road in Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, and providing penalties for violation thereof.**

The President called for public comment. Mr. Rimmer asked that it be clarified for the record that the requested "No Parking" signs are for South Marshall Road.

**Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

\*\*\*

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to schedule a public hearing on December 2, 2015, for adoption of the 2016 Bossier Parish Police Jury budget.**

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 located at 5353 Highway 80, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 116208. Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of the property advising that some work has been done, but cleanup is not complete. He recommended that the property owner be allowed an additional two weeks in which to complete the cleanup of this property.

Mr. Benton stated that Mr. Keith purchased the property at tax sale in June of 2015, and is concerned with investing a large amount of money into the property at this time.

Mr. Jackson stated that Mr. Keith has no statutory obligation to clean the property, but that Mr. Keith can file a lien against the property for any funds expended in the event the property is redeemed.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to allow the owner of property at 5353 Highway 80, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 116208, an additional two weeks in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** The matter will be reviewed at the November 18, 2015, regular meeting.

\*\*\*

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property located at 5226 Timothy Trail, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 103148. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property and advised that that some work has been done, but cleanup is not complete. He recommended that the property owner be allowed an additional two weeks in which to complete the cleanup of this property.

Ms. Jennifer McKinney, property owner, requested an additional two weeks to complete the cleanup of the property.

**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to allow the owner of property at 5226 Timothy Trail, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 103148, an additional two weeks in which to bring the property into compliance with property standards regulations.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** The matter will be reviewed at the November 18, 2015, regular meeting.

\*\*\*

Mr. Jimmy Cochran, Chairman of the Insurance Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, and Mr. Darby were present. He stated that Mr. Jim Firth, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Altimus, Ms. Sheryl Thomas, Ms. Hauser, Mr. James Bustillo, Mr. Jason Weinland, and Mr. Al Barrera were also present. Other jurors present were Ms. Bennett, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, and Mr. Skaggs.

Mr. Cochran stated that the recommendation of the Insurance Committee is to accept the proposal from Risk Services of Louisiana as health and dental insurance broker for the Bossier Parish Police Jury, and that the Bossier Parish Police Jury change from a fully-insured health plan to a partially self-insured health plan. He stated that the recommendation presented today is not a unanimous consensus of the committee. He stated that BlueCross BlueShield will continue to be the provider for the health insurance, and coverage will remain the same for employees.

Mr. Cochran stated that he does not support the change in health and dental insurance broker or the partially self-insured health plan. He recommended that information received pertaining to the proposal submitted by Risk Services of Louisiana and partially self-insured health plan be further reviewed prior to making any changes.

Mr. Hammack expressed concern that the 2016 Renewal Analysis for BlueCross BlueShield provided to the police jurors for consideration provides that the partially self-insured health plan calculations are based on assumptions. He stated that the police jury will be paying claims regardless if it is a fully-insured health plan or a partially self-insured health plan, and the potential savings will be in administrative costs. He recommended that the partially self-insured health plan be further reviewed prior to making any changes to the health plan. Mr. Hammack requested additional information pertaining to the potential administrative savings of \$434,069.92 as provided in the 2016 Renewal Analysis.

Mr. Jackson stated that the contract signed with BlueCross BlueShield by the police jury in the early 1990s provides for a 17.1 percent override on all processing of claims. He stated that at that time, the 17.1 percent override was a reasonable amount due to the required man hours to process a claim. Mr. Jackson stated that the technology available today substantially decreases the cost of filing claims to approximately three percent.

Mr. Jackson stated that the BlueCross BlueShield health plan will not change, but the administrative fees will be reduced substantially from the original contract signed with BlueCross BlueShield in the early 1990s. He stated that the current contract allows BlueCross BlueShield to charge the police jury 10.5 percent, plus an approximate \$120,000 broker commission fee. Mr. Jackson stated that the proposal from Risk Services of Louisiana provides for BlueCross BlueShield administrative charges to the police jury at three percent, with a \$75,000 broker commission fee. He stated that under the current contract with BlueCross BlueShield, the police jury is obligated to pay a total 17.1 percent in administrative services and broker commission to BlueCross BlueShield and broker.

Mr. Jackson stated that under the current contract, all claims are re-insured over \$100,000, and there will be no changes pertaining to re-insurance in the proposed new contract. He stated that the police jury's current health insurance plan is fully insured, and BlueCross BlueShield has a re-insurance program where any claim over \$100,000 is insured through another insurance company that covers that excess claim. Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury would be protecting its risk in the same manner as BlueCross BlueShield currently does under the current contract. He stated that under the partially self-insured health plan, the police jury will handle the administration services, and Risk Services of Louisiana will provide its services at a commission of \$75,000 and a three percent administrative service fee to BlueCross Blue Shield.

Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury will continue to pay claims, and the police jury's outside exposure would be protected with re-insurance in the event of large and/or numerous claims exceeding \$100,000.

Ms. Bennett stated that under the current contract, BlueCross BlueShield invests police jury funds and draws interest off those funds. She stated that if police jury claims are low, BlueCross BlueShield will reimburse the police jury the excess funds paid to BlueCross BlueShield. She further stated that with the partially self-insured health plan, the police jury will be able to invest its own funds and draw interest on those funds.

Mr. Hammack asked how the claims will be paid by the police jury under the partially self-insured health plan. Mr. Jackson stated that instead of making monthly premium payments to BlueCross BlueShield, the police jury will pay claims on a weekly basis. He stated that the only potential issue that could arise, is if there was a large run-up claim in a one week time, the police jury will be required to pay that claim at the end of the week and wait for reimbursement for the re-insurance. Mr. Jackson stated that after review of the police jury's insurance claim history, there has never been an excessively large claim filed, but the potential is there and the police jury would have to have the financial flexibility to pay that type of claim.

Mr. Jackson stated that a substantial amount of due diligence has been made to vet the insurance brokers that submitted proposals, and Risk Services of Louisiana was highly recommended. He stated that the City of Bossier City, the Bossier Parish School Board, Caddo Parish Commission and the Caddo Parish School Board have all changed to the partially self-insured health plan.

Mr. Hammack asked if the police jury will be required to pay the Health Insurance Tax. Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury will be required to pay the tax, but not at BlueCross BlueShield's rate as provided in the current contract. He stated that the police jury rate for the tax will be substantially lower.

Mr. Jackson stated that the current health plan does not incentivize the use of generic brand prescriptions, and the cost of prescriptions is an issue with the current health plan.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to accept the recommendation of the Insurance Committee to accept the proposal of Risk Services of Louisiana as broker for group health and dental insurance for the Bossier Parish Police Jury and that the Bossier Parish Police Jury change from a fully-insured health plan to a partially self-insured health plan with BlueCross BlueShield.**

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

\*\*\*

Mr. Cochran requested that an Insurance Committee meeting be scheduled prior to the December 2, 2015, regular meeting, time to be determined.

\*\*\*

**Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to table the matter of establishing a 25 mile per hour speed limit on Dutch John Road, to be considered at the November 18, 2015, regular meeting.**

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

\*\*\*

Mr. Altimus stated that very little business is brought before the police jury at the first meeting in January, and several jurors will be out of town on January 20, 2016, which is a police jury meeting date. He recommended that the police jury meet one time during the month of January, 2016, and hold its Finance Committee meeting and its regular meeting on January 13, 2016. The Finance Committee meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 2:00 p.m.

**Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Avery, that the police jury will meet on January 13, 2016, with the Finance Committee meeting to be held at 1:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 2:00 p.m.**

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. Benton, to approve the following applications for renewal of Bossier Parish beer/liquor licenses for the year 2016.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Each application has been approved by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department and the Health Department.

A Pair of Kings – Beer  
 Brook's Lakeview Inn - Beer  
 Circle K #4202 – Beer and Liquor  
 Circle K #8161 - Beer  
 CVS Pharmacy #10218 – Beer and Liquor  
 CVS Pharmacy #4068-Haughton – Beer  
 Cork & Barrel – Beer and Liquor  
 Four Way Country Club – Beer  
 Four Way Country Store – Beer  
 Kings Korner - Beer  
 Muddy Waters Sports Bar – Beer and Liquor  
 Our Place Bar & Grill – Beer  
 Pepe's Mexican Restaurant - Beer  
 Perky's Pizza – Beer and Liquor  
 Reflections – Beer  
 Rodger's Marina – Beer  
 The Cellar Fine Wines & Spirits, Benton Road – Beer and Liquor  
 The Cellar Fine Wines & Spirits, Airline Drive – Beer and Liquor  
 Wilson's Bistineau Inn - Beer  
 Winfield Grocery - Beer

\*\*\*

Mr. Ford presented Revised Change Order No. 2 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 1) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, Project No. 2014-415, advising that the change order results in an additional cost of \$3,010, and an additional 45 contract days. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve Revised Change Order No. 2 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 1) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, Project No. 2014-415, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015, that it does hereby approve Revised Change Order No. 2 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 1) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, Project No. 2014-415.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jack Skaggs, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Revised Change Order No. 2.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
 PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT  
 BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

\*\*\*

Mr. Ford presented Revised Change Order No. 3 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 1) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, Project No. 2014-415, advising that the change order results in an additional cost of \$7,848.50. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve Revised Change Order No. 3 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 1) for Consolidated**

**Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, Project No. 2014-415, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015, that it does hereby approve Revised Change Order No. 3 on the Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 1) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, Project No. 2014-415.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jack Skaggs, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Revised Change Order No. 3.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

\*\*\*

Mr. Ford presented Plan Change No. 3 on the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier Primary Sewer Lift Stations and Force Mains – North Bossier Parish Area Contract “B” – Sewer Lift Station, advising that the change order provides for an additional 51 contract days. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve Plan Change No. 3 on the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier Primary Sewer Lift Stations and Force Mains – North Bossier Parish Area Contract “B” – Sewer Lift Station, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015, that it does hereby approve Plan Change No. 3 on the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier Primary Sewer Lift Stations and Force Mains – North Bossier Parish Area Contract “B” – Sewer Lift Station.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jack Skaggs, President, is hereby authorized to execute said Plan Change No. 3.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

\*\*\*

Mr. Ford provided an update on the Eastwood/Merrywoods Statewide Flood Control Project, advising that the weather has caused some delays in the project.

\*\*\*

Mr. Ford reported that the new access and servitude for re-installation and future maintenance of an outfall pipe at the sewer plant has been obtained from River Rouge Plantation, LLC.

\*\*\*

Mr. Ford stated that several parish projects have been delayed due to the recent rainfall. He also provided an update on parish concrete projects.

\*\*\*

Mr. Ford reported that an approximate 2,000 home development is being proposed on Bellevue Road, and stated that it is planned that the sewer for the proposed development will be provided by the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

\*\*\*

Mr. Ford reported that he recently attended a meeting with the Corps of Engineers and Federal Emergency Management Agency pertaining to the 2015 flood event. He stated that the Corps and FEMA will be re-studying the Red River and plan to seek 100 percent funding for the project. He further stated that once funding has been obtained by the Corps and FEMA, the study will take approximately one year to complete. Mr. Ford stated that once the study is complete, new flood maps will need to be prepared.

Mr. Ford stated that the request for an advisory base flood elevation has been prepared by the Bossier Parish representative from FEMA, but the request has not been submitted for approval as of today.

\*\*\*

Mr. Ford stated that he is currently working with FEMA pertaining to the reimbursement claims by Bossier Parish for the 2015 flood event, which include funds expended during the flood event, as well as debris removal and repair to gravel roads. He stated that the projected reimbursement claim pertaining to the outfall structure at the sewer plant is approximately \$160,000. He further stated that the crane that was flooded at the outfall structure has been removed. Mr. Ford stated that a reimbursement claim will be submitted for paved roads damaged during the 2015 flood event at a cost of approximately \$1.6 million in the near future.

\*\*\*

Mr. Ford provided an update on the Joe Delaney Memorial Park being constructed in the Town of Haughton. He stated that the police jury approved an in-kind service for the Town of Haughton in the amount of \$15,000 for the Joe Delaney Memorial Park. He further stated that a partial opening is planned for July of 2016.

\*\*\*

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 .10 mile of roadway remain in completing the 2015 Road Overlay Program.

\*\*\*

Mr. Rimmer advised that the police jury budget workshop is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bossier Parish Health Unit.

\*\*\*

Mr. Brotherton reported that there are several issues in Olde Oaks Subdivision, including no streetlights and non-compliance of sewerage regulations, as well as numerous property standards complaints. He stated that the owner of Olde Oaks Subdivision complies with parish regulations only when forced to do so.

Mr. Altimus recommended that the health unit be contacted regarding sewerage issues. He stated that any issues pertaining to streetlights will need to be addressed by the homeowners association.

Mr. Jackson stated that he will have to recuse himself with any issues pertaining to Olde Oaks Subdivision and recommended that Mr. Neil Erwin be contacted to handle matters pertaining to the subdivision. Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury can prohibit any further development in Olde Oaks Subdivision until all issues are resolved.

\*\*\*

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:50 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JACK SKAGGS, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY