

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
June 1, 2016

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Ms. Wanda Bennett, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Glenn Benton, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Bob Brotherton. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Rachel Hauser, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. Rick Avery, Excused	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

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Others present were Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to amend the agenda to consider Agenda Item No. 11 at this time.**

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

**AYES: 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: Mr. Avery**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt a resolution of appreciation to Mr. D.C. Machen, Jr., for his contributions to Bossier Parish Schools, and extending congratulations and well wishes to Mr. Machen in his retirement.**

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

RESOLUTION

Whereas, D.C. Machen, Jr., Superintendent for Bossier Parish Schools, is retiring on July 1, 2016; and

Whereas, Mr. Machen began working as an educator in Bossier Parish in 1979, and served as Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Personnel for Bossier Parish Schools from 2000-2009; and

Whereas, Mr. Machen has served as Superintendent for Bossier Parish Schools since his appointment in 2009, and has been admired and respected by his staff through the years on both a personal and professional level; and

Whereas, Mr. Machen has witnessed tremendous growth in Bossier Parish during his career, and has continually maintained the integrity of the Bossier Parish School Board; and

Whereas, during Mr. Machen's tenure as Superintendent, the school district passed a \$210 million construction referendum to build new schools and expand and improve existing facilities to address unprecedented growth in Bossier Parish; and

Whereas, the Bossier Parish school district has become one of the fastest growing public school systems in Louisiana, with more than 22,222 students in 2015-2016; the Bossier Parish school district is ranked among the top 15 performing districts in the State of Louisiana with a high "B" letter grade; and

Whereas, at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, Bossier Parish schools were singled out by the Louisiana Department of Education as a leader in the state for its 2015 Advanced Placement scores, and Bossier Parish schools' graduation rate reached an all-time district high recently when 2014-2015 data was released, reflecting a gain of 4.7 percentage points to reach an 84.5 percent graduation rate; and

Whereas, Bossier Parish schools, teachers and students have excelled, all while under the leadership of Mr. Machen.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016, that it does hereby extend its sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude to D.C. Machen, Jr., for his years of invaluable service as Superintendent for Bossier Parish Schools, and does wish him well in his retirement.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Bennett recognized Mr. Machen for his dedication and service as Superintendent for Bossier Parish Schools and presented him with a resolution of appreciation.

Mr. Machen extended appreciation to the Bossier Parish Police Jury for their support to Bossier Parish schools. He also extended appreciation to the educators in Bossier Parish for their hard work and dedication to students.

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Sealed bids were opened and read aloud for Official Journal of the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
BOSSIER-PRESS TRIBUNE	
For printing the official proceedings	\$21,000
For other printing	\$5.00 per column inch

This is the only bid received. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to accept the bid of the Bossier Press-Tribune as Official Journal of the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Hernandez Haven Subdivision, being a resubdivision of Lot No. 2, Dunn Subdivision, located in Section 3, Township 16 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Ford recommended that this matter be tabled. He stated that a petition signed by 100 percent of all landowners in Dunn Subdivision is required, and a meeting will need to be scheduled with the applicant to discuss this matter further.

Mr. Steve Shockley, 530 Bullfight Drive, Bossier City, LA, presented letters of opposition to the proposed development of Hernandez Haven Subdivision.

**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to table the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Hernandez Haven Subdivision, being a resubdivision of Lot No. 2, Dunn Subdivision, located in Section 3, Township 16 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, to be considered at the July 6, 2016, regular meeting.**

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

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Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that his office is working to create regulations in the Bossier City-Parish MPC to address subdividing of lots less than the average size lots in an existing subdivision.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Cook, to table the public hearing to consider approval of the Minor Plat for Permenter Property, located in Section 16, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, to be considered at the July 6, 2016, regular meeting.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on July 6, 2016, to consider approval of the Minor Plat for Hamiter, et al, located in Section 15, Township 23 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on July 6, 2016, to consider approval of the Minor Plat for David Trowbridge, located in Section 30, Township 23 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to schedule a public hearing on July 6, 2016, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Bellevue Road Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, being a resubdivision of Lot No. 16, Bellevue Road Subdivision, located in Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Cook, to schedule a public hearing on July 6, 2016, to consider approval of the Survey Map for John David Doyal, located in Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

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Mr. Ghormley reported on a meeting of the Property Standards Board of Review.

Mr. Ghormley stated that the Board of Review recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled to consider condemnation of property located at 5255 John Wilson Drive, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 105116.

**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Cook, to schedule a condemnation hearing on June 15, 2016, to consider condemnation of property located at 5255 John Wilson Drive, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 105116.**

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

Mr. Ghormley stated that the Board of Review recommended that a condemnation hearing be scheduled to consider condemnation of property located at 239 Sydney Avenue, Benton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 102855.

**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to schedule a condemnation hearing on June 15, 2016, to consider condemnation of property located at 239 Sydney Avenue, Benton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 102855.**

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

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Mr. Plummer, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Hammack, Mr. Shewmake, and Mr. Skaggs were present. He stated that Mr. Ford, Ms. Cheryl McEntyre, Mr. Warren Saucier, Mr. Andy Freeman and Mr. Pat Culverhouse were also present. Other jurors present were Ms. Bennett, Mr. Darby, and Mr. Rimmer.

Mr. Plummer stated that it has been determined that the soil on some of the fields located at the Lawson Bo Brandon Sports Complex are substandard, and it is recommended by the committee that Mr. Warren Saucier, Parks and Recreation Director, obtain cost estimates to make the needed improvements to the Lawson Bo Brandon Sports Complex fields.

Mr. Plummer stated that Parish Camp provides the only access to Lake Bistineau during drawdown of the lake. He stated that due to Salvinia on Lake Bistineau at Parish Camp, Lake Bistineau cannot be accessed, and it is recommended by the committee that measures be taken by the police jury to clear the Salvinia from the boat ramp area. Mr. Plummer stated that Mr. Ford and Mr. Saucier will be obtaining cost estimates associated with clearing the Salvinia from the boat ramp area.

Mr. Plummer stated that the committee discussed a proposed long term lease agreement between Sligo Water System and the Bossier Parish Police Jury to allow Sligo Water System to construct a new treatment plant on a parcel of land located off Caplis Sligo Road at the South Bossier Park. He stated that it is the consensus of the Parks and Recreation Committee that Sligo Water System and Bossier Parish Police Jury will benefit from a long term lease agreement in this matter.

**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to amend the agenda to accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee to enter into a long term lease agreement with Sligo Water System to allow Sligo Water System to construct a new treatment plant on a parcel of land located off Caplis Sligo Road at the South Bossier Park to supply the growing needs of the community, and to provide the South Bossier Park a non-potable water source at a reduced rate for irrigation purposes for the park, and authorize execution of documents, subject to review and approval by the Parish Engineer and Parish Attorney.**

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

**AYES: 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: Mr. Avery**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee to enter into a long term lease agreement with Sligo Water System to allow Sligo Water System to construct a new treatment plant on a parcel of land located off Caplis Sligo Road at the South Bossier Park to supply the growing needs of the community, and to provide the South Bossier Park a non-potable water source at a reduced rate for irrigation purposes for the park, and authorize execution of documents, subject to review and approval by the Parish Engineer and Parish Attorney.**

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016, that Wanda Bennett, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a long term lease agreement with Sligo Water System to allow Sligo Water System to construct a new treatment plant on a parcel of land located off Caplis Sligo Road at the South Bossier Park to supply the growing needs of the community, and to provide the South Bossier Park a non-potable water source at a reduced rate for irrigation purposes for the park.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Ford requested that acceptance of streets and drainage in River Bluff Subdivision, Unit No. 2, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance be removed from the agenda.

**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to remove from the agenda acceptance of the streets and drainage in River Bluff Subdivision, Unit No. 2, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.**

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

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Mr. Marsiglia recommended that Mr. Thomas Salzer be appointed as alternate to the Bossier City-Parish MPC Board of Adjustments.

**Motion was made by Mr. Hammack, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the appointment of Mr. Thomas Salzer to the Bossier City-Parish MPC Board of Adjustment as alternate, term to expire September 1, 2019.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to remove from the agenda, discussion of an agreement regarding replacement of retaining wall located at 3205 Trailview Circle, Haughton, LA.**

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

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Mr. Neil Erwin, present in the absence of Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney, presented amendments to Chapter 86, Section 86-2, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances "Solicitation Upon Private Residence and Panhandling Anywhere in the Unincorporated Areas of the Parish", to include additional language pertaining to going door to door and/or street to street. He stated that there have been several complaints pertaining to a white unmarked van going street to street selling ice cream which has caused concern to Bossier Parish citizens.

Mr. Erwin stated that the applicants will also be required to determine the areas in which peddling door to door and/or street to street, and panhandling is allowed.

Mr. Benton requested clarification as to where peddling is allowed in Bossier Parish. Mr. Erwin stated that parish regulations pertain to any areas outside of municipalities only.

**Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 86, Section 86-2, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances "Solicitation Upon Private Residence and Panhandling Anywhere in the Unincorporated Areas of the Parish."**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4613

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86 OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 86-2, "SOLICITATION UPON PRIVATE RESIDENCE GOING DOOR TO DOOR AND/OR STREET TO STREET AND PANHANDLING ANYWHERE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE PARISH", TO ADD AND/OR AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OR SUBSECTIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016, that Chapter 86, Section 86-2, (a)(1) and (b)(1) and (b)(3), be and are hereby amended to read as follows:  
Section 86-2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 86-2. Solicitation Upon Private Residence Going Door to Door and/or Street to Street and Panhandling Anywhere in the Unincorporated Areas of the Parish.

(a) License Required.

(1) All peddlers, as defined by R.S. 47:342(8), going door to door and/or street to street, and anyone panhandling anywhere in the unincorporated areas of Bossier Parish shall obtain a license costing \$100.00 from the Bossier Parish Police Jury located at the Bossier Parish Courthouse, 204 Burt Blvd., Benton, LA.

Section 86-2 (b)(1) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) Regulations Established.

(1) Unless permit is obtained by the company and the individual door to door, and/or street to street, solicitor, the going in and upon private residences, and/or street to street, in the unincorporated areas of Bossier Parish by solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants, or transient vendors of merchandise not having been requested or invited to do so by the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of such private residences for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of goods, wares, merchandise and/or services and/or disposing of and/or peddling or hawking such goods and/or services is declared to be unlawful; provided, however, that the provisions of this article shall not apply to the sale or soliciting of orders for the sale of milk, dairy products, vegetables, poultry, eggs and other farm and garden produce so far as the sale of the commodities named in this section is now authorized by law; nor shall the provisions of the article apply to solicitation of orders for utilities, including cable television. Further, unless permit is obtained by the company and the individual panhandler(s), the panhandling or solicitation of any monies in the unincorporated areas of the Parish is declared to be unlawful.

Section 86-2 (b)(3) is hereby added to read as follows:

(3) This permit is only applicable for areas outside of municipalities limits. Applicants are responsible for determining the areas in which peddling door to door and/or street to street, and/or panhandling is allowed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Cook, to accept the streets and drainage in Belmere Subdivision, Unit No. 2, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4614

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016, has received a request from Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service, Inc., and David Lawler Construction, Inc., that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Belmere Subdivision, Unit No. 2, Bossier Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the said streets and drainage have been completed in accordance with the specifications of the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, two-year maintenance bonds have been executed in favor of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to guarantee against failure of said streets and drainage as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 110, Section 110-201 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinance.

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept two-year maintenance bonds of Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Service, Inc., and David Lawler Construction, Inc., including labor and materials, for the above captioned streets and drainage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish maintenance system for continuous maintenance, streets and drainage located in Belmere Subdivision, Unit No. 2, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

- Cameron Circle – 0.106 mile
- St. Andrews Lane – 0.069 mile

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this ordinance be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, together with the two maintenance bonds.

The Ordinance was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Cook. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Ford stated that a bridge located on Swan Lake Road S was replaced with tank cars last year which failed. He stated that there has been discussion of the parish abandoning Swan Lake Road S and allowing landowners and oil companies that use the road to be responsible for maintaining the road. He stated that there are no permanent residents on Swan Lake Road S and that the road is primarily used by oil companies to access well sites and hunters to access deer camps.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to refer the proposed abandonment of Swan Lake Road S located off Poole Road in Section 19, Township 15 North, Range 10 West, and Sections 13, 14, and 24, Township 15 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA, to the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee for further review.**

The President called for public comment. Mr. Benton requested that a Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee meeting be scheduled on June 15, 2016, time to be determined.

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack, to accept the proposal of Professional Service Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000.00 for construction materials testing and observation services for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, North Bossier Parish Area, Contract “C” – Sewer Force Mains and Gravity Mains, and Contract “D” – Kingston Road Lift Station, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016, that Wanda Bennett, 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 the proposal of Professional Service Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000.00 for construction materials testing and observation services for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, North Bossier Parish Area, Contract “C” – Sewer Force Mains and Gravity Mains, and Contract “D” – Kingston Road Lift Station.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Hammack. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to accept the proposal of Owen & White, Inc., in the amount of \$31,500.00 for engineering services for the Clarke Bayou Base Flood Elevation Determination, Piney Forest Subdivision Project, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016, that Wanda Bennett, 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 the proposal of Owen & White, Inc., in the amount of \$31,500.00 for engineering services for the Clarke Bayou Base Flood Elevation Determination, Piney Forest Subdivision Project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016.

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PARISH SECRETARY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Cook, to accept the proposal of Owen & White, Inc., in the amount of \$9,800.00 for engineering services for the North/South Corridor Roadway No Rise Certificate Project, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016, that Wanda Bennett, 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 the proposal of Owen & White, Inc., in the amount of \$9,800.00 for engineering services for the North/South Corridor Roadway No Rise Certificate Project.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Cook. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt a resolution supporting an application for funding through the FY2015-2016 Community Water Enrichment Fund.**

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016, that it does hereby approve and support an application to the Office of Community Development, Community Water Enrichment Fund, for funds in the amount of \$125,240.00 for water system improvements for the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016.

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Jurors were provided a copy of district reports from the highway department.

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Ms. Hauser stated that Mr. Altimus forwarded an email to the jurors last week regarding a request from Louisiana Exotic Animal Resource Network (LEARN) to locate a facility in Bossier Parish, and asked that the police jurors provide comments regarding this request. Ms. Bennett asked that the police jurors provide Mr. Altimus with their response as soon as possible.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on the sewer plant. He stated that it is anticipated that the pumps will be turned on later this week.

Mr. Ford stated that due to the outfall structure located on the Red River being under water for an extended amount of time, there is concern of siltation in the outfall structure. He stated that once the pumps are turned on, it will be determined at that time if the outfall structure will need to be cleaned out.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on Wastewater Collection System (Contract No. 3) for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of Parish of Bossier, stating that the project is approximately sixty percent complete. He stated that the Department of Environmental Quality conducted inspections last week on the sewer district projects.

Mr. Ford stated that Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, Wastewater Collection System - North Bossier Parish Area, Contract "C" – Sewer Force Mains and Gravity Mains and Contract "D" – Kingston Road Lift Station Projects will begin this week.

Mr. Ford stated that it is anticipated that the closing to purchase four sewer systems from Eagle Water System will be June 20, 2016.

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Mr. Ford reported that CB&I Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., consultants appointed to assist the Bossier Parish Police Jury with disaster assessment and recovery services for the March 2016 flood event, have begun working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to review damaged areas from the recent flood event in Bossier Parish.

Mr. Ford stated that all bridges flooded in the recent flood event will be included in the assessment. He stated that some bridges remain under water at this time, and determination of the extent of damage to those bridges will not be able to be made until the water levels recede. Mr. Ford stated that ditches in south Bossier Parish will be assessed as well for any damage due to siltation from the flood event.

Mr. Ford stated that siltation of the Red River will also be discussed with FEMA.

Mr. Ford stated that CB&I Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., will be responsible for preparing all paperwork to be submitted to FEMA.

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Mr. Ford stated that cost estimates have been submitted to FEMA for repairs to Camp Zion Road, Princeton Road and Davis Road from damages sustained during the recent flood events, and that FEMA has requested Corps of Engineers permits be obtained before the parish begins work to repair the roadways. He stated that his office is working diligently to obtain all necessary paperwork in order to begin repairs to the roadways.

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Mr. Ford stated that a resident of Fox Chase Subdivision, which is located inside the Town of Houghton city limits, contacted the engineering department regarding the FEMA buy-out program. He stated that he has contacted Town of Houghton Mayor Anderson regarding this request. Mr. Ford stated that a stream was diverted around Fox Chase Subdivision, which may be the cause of flooding in this area. Mr. Ford stated that Owen & White, Inc., has been retained

by the Town of Haughton to restudy the Fox Chase Subdivision area to determine if the stream was relocated and the cause of any drainage issues in this area.

Mr. Ford stated that the Town of Haughton is part of the Bossier Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan that was approved in the year 2010 and 2015 and all applications for the FEMA buy-out program from the Town of Haughton are submitted to the police jury office. He stated that a meeting is scheduled for Friday with Mayor Anderson to further discuss this matter.

Mr. Ford stated that he will be attending the town meeting scheduled for Monday to provide additional information to the Town of Haughton and its residents regarding the FEMA buy-out program.

Mr. Ford stated that approximately 25 homes flooded in Fox Chase Subdivision and have flooded multiple times.

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Mr. Ford stated that the Parish of Bossier has been awarded \$589,000.00 from the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for the 2015 flood event. He stated that applicants must meet certain criteria in order to qualify for these funds. Mr. Ford stated eligibility requirements for these funds will be that applicants must be on the repetitive loss list, and the height of the flood waters in the home will be the second determination of eligibility for funds. He further stated that GOHSEP has set a deadline of June 30, 2016, for the Parish of Bossier to submit a detailed explanation of how the parish plans to disburse the funds. There was further discussion on eligibility requirements for funds.

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Mr. Ford stated that correspondence has been submitted to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in response to its request for the parish’s substantial damage report on eight flooded homes.

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Mr. Ford reported that a meeting was recently held at The Port to provide an update on the Red River. He stated that The Port is working to dredge certain areas of the Red River, and that The Port provided an update on the study of the Red River beginning at Lock and Dam Nos.1 and 2 and proceeding north on the river.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the raising of the guideline levy along Red Chute Bayou. He stated that the Corps of Engineers has expressed concerns regarding the study of the guideline levy. He further stated that Dewberry Consultants, LLC, who is a consultant for FEMA, provided the study of the guideline levy. Mr. Ford stated that meetings will be scheduled in the near future to further discuss this matter.

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Mr. Ford provided a report on the Red River encroachment of Highway 537. He stated that approximately five years ago, the Red River was approximately 350 feet from the edge of Highway 537, and is now approximately 147 feet from the edge of the roadway. He stated that contact has been made with the Corps of Engineers regarding this issue.

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Mr. Ford introduced Ms. Kathleen Cavanaugh, an engineering student, who will be working as a summer intern in the engineering department.

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Ms. Bennett stated that the railroad company cut down trees near the Buckhall Road area, and stated that the trees have not been removed and are causing the collection of debris in this area. Mr. Ford is to further review this matter.

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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 two spans of the Pump Station Road Bridge have been completed.

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Mr. Plummer requested that the study by Owen & White, Inc., for the Lucky Estates Subdivision area drainage issues be reviewed. He stated that the data collected from the last two flood events may have an impact on the previous recommendations by Owen & White, Inc., to address the drainage issues in this area.

Mr. Plummer requested that the engineering department and Ms. Monica Grappe, Right-of-Way Agent, pursue obtaining servitudes on properties in the Lucky Estates Subdivision identified by the study of Owen & White, Inc., that are not currently in the parish system in order to access the area. He also requested that Mr. Coutee review servitudes in the parish system in the Lucky Estates Subdivision area that may need improvements, and that Mr. Coutee provide a cost estimate for those improvements.

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Appreciation was extended to Mr. Neil Erwin for being present in the absence of Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 2:49 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY