

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES

November 2, 2016

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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 2nd day of November, 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. Jerome Darby, 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, Excused
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.

Ms. Stephanie Agee, Registrar of Voters, reported that as of November 1, 2016, early voting mail-in ballots received totaled 2,299, and 9,309 ballots were cast in person at the courthouse, for a total of 11,608 ballots cast during early voting in Bossier Parish for the November 8, 2016, election.

Ms. Agee stated that this was the largest number of ballots cast during early voting in Bossier Parish.

Mr. Ian Snellgrove, Director of Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, reported on the parish-wide drill held on November 1, 2016. He stated that the emergency drills were held to test the parish's ability to respond to multiple security threat scenarios in the parish, and to test the unified command and communications.

Mr. Snellgrove stated that there were 1,200 first responders and support forces from law enforcement agencies, fire and emergency medical personnel from Bossier Parish who participated in the drill. He stated that 104 facilities were impacted and 60,000 people were impacted by a lockdown or emergency procedure at a business. He further stated that 30,000 of the 60,000 were in the school system within Bossier Parish.

Mr. Snellgrove stated that the facilities participating in the lockdown included military, hospitals, libraries, courthouse, small jurisdictions, and other larger facilities.

Mr. Snellgrove stated that the drill included the simulation of a parish emergency declaration that included a verbal declaration from the police jury president. He stated that lockdown of the entire parish was also simulated which included testing of the code red system, or ECN, where emails and text messages are sent to key leaders in the parish. Mr. Snellgrove stated that within 12 minutes of the ECN being issued, Bossier Parish schools were in lockdown mode.

Mr. Snellgrove reported on the different types of scenarios that were simulated during the drill. He stated that the After Action Review is scheduled at the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department substation located on Viking Drive on November 9, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Snellgrove extended appreciation to Mr. Gene Barattini, Assistant Director Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, for his outstanding work in coordinating this event.

Mr. Benton requested information pertaining to the burning of the propellant and clean burning igniters at Camp Minden. Mr. Snellgrove stated that three burns have been successfully completed.

Lt. Col. Oliver Jenkins, candidate for Louisiana's 4th Congressional District, stated that he is a retired Marine, having served in the Marine Corps from 1988 until 2008. He stated that he flew in over 100 combat missions over Iraq, Southeast Asia and Bosnia, and trained Special Forces for operations in Afghanistan as part of the Global War on Terrorism.

Lt. Col. Jenkins stated that he moved to Shreveport, LA, after retirement and has been involved in the oil and gas industry for the last eight years, and currently serves on the Shreveport City Council.

Lt. Col. Jenkins stated that he is focused on national security and would promote and protect Fort Polk and Barksdale Air Force Base. He stated that he recognizes that oil and gas plays a major role in local economics. He further stated that the construction of I-69 would assist with economic growth for the Caddo and Bossier areas.

Ms. Bennett expressed appreciation to Lt. Col. Jenkins for coming before the police jury.

No bids were received for the sale of surplus property described as Lot A, less tract described in Volume 1316-312, Country Place Subdivision, Unit No. 4-A, in Section 10, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 113401.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery, to authorize the re-advertising for bids for surplus property described as Lot A, less tract described in Volume 1316-312, Country Place Subdivision, Unit No. 4-A, in Section 10, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 113401, with no minimum bid requirement; bids to be received December 7, 2016.

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 Jackson Square Subdivision, being a resubdivision of Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Jones Cypress Gardens Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Avery, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Jackson Square Subdivision, being a resubdivision of Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Jones Cypress Gardens Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

The President called for public comment. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that this is the old Cypress Inn Restaurant property. He stated that the property owner plans to combine five lots into two large lots, with one lot remaining commercial property and the second lot being a residential lot. He further stated that the Benton-Parish MPC has approved the proposed plat.

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 Miller Acres Subdivision, located in Section 25, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. This matter was tabled on October 19, 2016.

Mr. Casey Miller was present. Mr. Ford stated that the proposed Miller Acres Subdivision plat was discussed by the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee, and it was recommended that this matter be tabled to further discuss drainage issues. He stated that CBB Water has expressed concern that the creek and drainage being rerouted has caused some drainage issues.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to table the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Miller Acres Subdivision, located in Section 25, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, to be considered at the December 7, 2016, regular meeting.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Benton, to schedule a public hearing on December 7, 2016, to consider adoption of the 2017 Bossier Parish Police Jury Budget.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to schedule a public hearing on December 7, 2016, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of the Logan South Minor Plat Subdivision, located in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a public hearing on December 7, 2016, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of the Logan Partition Survey Subdivision, located in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

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

Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented current photographs of property located at 3185, 3189, 3191, and 3199, Tract 8-D, Jamerson Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 116130, advising that the property owners have complied with all requests made to clean up the property, and recommended that the file pertaining to property standards be closed.

Mr. Jackson stated that a hearing is scheduled tomorrow in the 26th Judicial District Court at 9:30 a.m., pertaining to the improper discharge of sewer effluent from a mobile home owned by Ming and Nancy Dong, located at 3185 Jamerson Road, Haughton, LA.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 3185, 3189, 3191, and 3199, Tract 8-D, Jamerson Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 116130.

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

Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of property located at 100 Longhorn Drive, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 111592, advising that there has been no change in the condition of the property.

Mr. Ghormley stated that the property does present an imminent threat to public health and safety, and recommended that the property be condemned.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cook, to proceed with condemnation of property at 100 Longhorn Drive, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 111592, in accordance with property standards regulations.

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

Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of property located at 4191 Sligo Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 117931, advising that the property owner has completed cleanup of the property. Mr. Ghormley recommended that the file on the property be closed.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 4191 Sligo Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 117931.

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

Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of property located at 3279 Jamerson Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 116009, advising that the property owner has completed cleanup of the property. Mr. Ghormley recommended that the file be closed on this property.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 3279 Jamerson Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 116009.

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

Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of condemned property located at 3464 Jamerson Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 115245, advising that parish crews have completed cleanup of the property. He stated that a lien on the property in the amount of approximately \$16,000.00 has been filed with the 26th Judicial District Clerk of Court's Office. Mr. Ghormley recommended that the file on this property be closed.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cook, to close the property standards file for property located at 3464 Jamerson Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 115245.**

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

Mr. Glenn Benton, Chairman of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Cook, Mr. Plummer, and Mr. Shewmake were present. He stated that Mr. Altimus, Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown, Mr. Pat Culverhouse, Mr. Ford, Mr. Nguyen Kha, Mr. Daniel King, Ms. Jenphur King, Mr. Hank Moore, Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Mr. Carl Mayer, Mr. Thomas O'Quinn, Mr. Ken Smith, and Mr. Michael Webb were also present. Other jurors present were Mr. Brotherton and Mr. Rimmer.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee discussed the proposed Correction Plat for Kingston Plantation, Unit No. 5, which reduces the 50-foot setbacks on all corner lots to 20-foot setbacks. He stated that the committee recommends that signatures from all lot owners be required prior to the public hearing scheduled for November 16, 2016.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee discussed the proposed development of Miller Acres Subdivision.

Mr. Benton presented a request from Sweetwater Oaks Subdivision Homeowners Association for the police jury to remove a guard shack located in the parish right-of-way at the subdivision entrance. He stated that the committee recommends that a petition be obtained from all property owners in Sweetwater Oaks Subdivision prior to a public hearing being scheduled to consider this request.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee discussed drainage for the proposed development of Bee Bend Subdivision off Old Brownlee Road. He stated that drainage from the subdivision will be tied in with drainage from the proposed Wal-Mart.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee discussed a request from the residents of Thorn Road for extension of a cul-de-sac. He stated that the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee does not recommend approval of the request at this time.

Mr. Benton stated that the committee discussed the new gravity main to be located in Forest Hills Subdivision behind lots on Turning Leaf Trail. He stated that Mr. Ed Kennon, owner of the property located behind the homes on Turning Leaf Trail, has agreed to dedicate an easement to the parish for the new gravity main in exchange for dirt from the Eastwood Drainage Project.

Mr. Benton stated that an application has been submitted to FEMA for funds to improve the levee in Lucky Estates Subdivision.

Mr. Rimmer, Chairman of the Insurance Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, and Mr. Shewmake were present. He stated that Mr. Jason Weinland, Mr. Pat Culverhouse, Ms. Rainah Norton, Ms. Lisa Wilson, Mr. Jim Firth, Mr. Altimus, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Charlotte Bouillon and Ms. Sheryl Thomas were also present. Other jurors present were Ms. Bennett and Mr. Darby.

Mr. Rimmer stated that Mr. Weinland provided the committee with an overview of the self-insured insurance plan. He stated that changes to the employee dental and prescription drug plans were discussed and will be considered at the November 16, 2016, regular meeting.

Mr. Rimmer stated that the Insurance Committee recommends that the agenda be amended to authorize execution of any and all documents in connection with a proposal from Optum for stop loss insurance to lock in specific Reinsurance rates, and to approve an increase in specific Reinsurance deductible from \$100,000 to \$125,000 per claim.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Benton, to amend the agenda to accept the recommendation of the Insurance Committee and authorize the execution of any and all documents in connection with a proposal from Optum for stop loss insurance to lock in specific Reinsurance rates, and to approve an increase in specific Reinsurance deductible from \$100,000.00 to \$125,000.00 per claim.

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. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hammack

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Benton, to accept the recommendation of the Insurance Committee, and to authorize execution of any and all documents in connection with a proposal from Optum for stop loss insurance to lock in specific Reinsurance rates, and to approve an increase in specific Reinsurance deductible from \$100,000.00 to \$125,000.00 per claim.

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 2nd day of November, 2016, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Ms. Wanda Bennett, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents in connection with a proposal from Optum for stop loss insurance to lock in specific Reinsurance rates.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of November, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Benton presented a request from Dogwood Park Homeowners Association to reduce the speed limit on all streets in the gated section of Dogwood South Subdivision from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour, excluding streets posted at 15 miles per hour, and to place a stop sign at Olive Street at the intersection of Dogwood South Lane and Olive Street. He stated that a stop sign already exists at the intersection of Dogwood South Lane and Olive Street.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve the request from the Dogwood Park Homeowners Association to reduce the speed limit on all streets in the gated section of Dogwood South Subdivision from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour, excluding streets posted at 15 miles per hour, and to place a stop sign at the requested location.

The President called for public comment. Mr. David Siebert, 306 Blue Fox Circle, Haughton, LA, stated that he lives in Dogwood South Subdivision and serves on the board of the homeowners association. He stated that several residents have complained about the speed and safety issues in Dogwood South Subdivision due to the hilly and curvy terrain in the subdivision. He stated that a reduction of the speed limit is needed.

Mr. Siebert stated that there is no stop sign located at the requested intersection on Dogwood South Lane. There was further discussion pertaining to traffic on Dogwood South Lane and where it is a one-lane street. Mr. Ford stated that he will review this request, and a stop sign will be placed on Dogwood South Lane, south of Olive Street where Dogwood South Lane splits off if needed.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 4634

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON ALL STREETS WITHIN THE GATED SECTION OF DOGWOOD SOUTH SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN SECTIONS 5 AND 8, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 2nd day of November, 2016, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon all streets located within the gated section of Dogwood South Subdivision, located in Sections 5 and 8, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in excess of Twenty (20) miles per hour.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined a sum not to exceed Five Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of November, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Benton, to accept the amended agreement with Rainwater Consulting, LLC, to increase the retainer by \$7,000.00 per month to provide governmental consulting services, 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 2nd day of November, 2016, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Ms. Wanda Bennett, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, the amended agreement with Rainwater Consulting, LLC, to increase the retainer by \$7,000.00 per month to provide governmental consulting services.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of November, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Bennett requested that the agenda be amended to consider adoption of a joint proclamation with the Caddo Parish Commission, the City of Shreveport, and the City of Bossier City proclaiming the week of November 7-13, 2016, as Veteran's Celebration Week, and to authorize the President to execute said Proclamation.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Darby, to amend the agenda to consider adoption of a joint proclamation with the Caddo Parish Commission, the City of Shreveport, and the City of Bossier City proclaiming the week of November 7-13, 2016, as Veteran's Celebration Week, and to authorize the President to execute said Proclamation.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt a joint proclamation with the Caddo Parish Commission, the City of Shreveport, and the City of Bossier City proclaiming the week of November 7-13, 2016, as Veteran’s Celebration Week, and to authorize the President to execute said Proclamation.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century and have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, City of Shreveport, City of Bossier City and the Bossier Parish Police Jury have united together to sponsor a parade and awards ceremony for our local veterans and their families at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds on November 13th at 2:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, all businesses and public entities are asked to post ‘Thank You’ and ‘Welcome Veterans’ signs during the week of November 7th through November 13th, recognizing the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served and who are still active in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, public and private school systems, primary, secondary and higher education institutions are asked to schedule educational programs, whereby veterans and military personnel may serve as guest speakers. Special recognition to our veterans at all religious institutions during religious services is also encouraged; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Caddo Parish, Shreveport, Bossier City, Bossier Parish and surrounding municipalities are asked to attend the parade in mass numbers, at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds midway; and attend the awards ceremony at The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club to honor our veterans, for protecting our American freedoms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, the City of Shreveport, the City of Bossier City and the Bossier Parish Police Jury meeting in legal and regular session convened during the month of November do hereby proclaim November 7th – 13th, 2016, as

Veteran’s Celebration Week

in Caddo Parish, Shreveport, Bossier City, and Bossier Parish , Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with all government entities and the vicinity to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of ‘Veterans Celebration Week’ honoring our veterans and their families.

MATTHEW LINN, PRESIDENT
 CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
 WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
 BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

OLLIE TYLER, MAYOR
 CITY OF SHREVEPORT
 LORENZWALKER, MAYOR
 CITY OF BOSSIER CITY

KENNETH R. EPPERSON, SR., CHAIRPERSON
 VETERANS CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Altimus advised that the LSU Ag-Center will be providing lunch for the police jury and staff on November 16, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. in the LSU Ag-Center Office on the 4th floor of the courthouse.

Mr. Altimus provided an update on Mr. Wayne Hammack, District 11 Police Juror.

Mr. Ford presented photographs of the bottom slab of the outfall structure on the Red River.

Mr. Ford provided an update on Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No 1, Wastewater Collection System-North Area-Contract C-Sewer Force Mains & Gravity Mains Project No. 2015-458 and Contract D-Kingston Road Sewer Lift Station Project No. 2015-459. He stated that work will begin on Airline Drive from Kingston Road, north to Linton Road, which will cause some traffic issues.

Mr. Ford stated that a work order has been issued on the Acceleration Lane on US 71, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 50-J08-14-02, and the project will begin soon.

Mr. Ford presented a letter from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development stating that programing new bridge structures for the 2015-2017 Off-System Bridge Programming Cycle is not available. He stated that if additional funding starts to materialize in the next few months, DOTD will contact parishes to program new structures for the 2017-2019 Off-System Bridge Programming Cycle.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to amend the agenda to consider approval of the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements, Chimney Lane and Princeton Road, Project No. 2016-468, and to authorize the execution of documents.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements, Chimney Lane and Princeton Road, Project No. 2016-468, 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 2nd day of November, 2016, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements, Chimney Lane and Princeton Road, Project No. 2016-468.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wanda Bennett, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day of November, 2016.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

WANDA BENNETT, PRESIDENT
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Mr. Ford reported that a letter has been submitted to FEMA requesting that the Bossier Parish application for funding through the FMA Grant Program for repetitive loss flood victims, which provides 90 percent of the appraised value of a home, be reconsidered and forwarded to Washington, D.C., for further review.

Mr. Ford stated that a representative from FEMA attended the October 19, 2016, regular meeting, and after hearing the comments regarding the issues the parish is having with FEMA, she requested that he attend a meeting that is scheduled in Texas to discuss FEMA.

Mr. Benton stated that the Louisiana Police Jury Association submitted a letter through Governor Edwards' office to President Obama's administration requesting that 90 percent of the costs of damages from the March flood event in Bossier Parish be paid by the federal government.

Mr. Rimmer requested an update on the work being done on Highway 80 in front of Hillcrest Cemetery. Mr. Ford stated that he will be monitoring the area during the next rain event to determine if the water is draining properly.

Mr. Mark Coutee, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish.

Mr. Rimmer stated that he recently attended a breakfast hosted by the North Louisiana Economic Partnership. He stated that there are five potential projects that may be coming to north Louisiana that would be beneficial to the economy in this area.

Ms. Bennett stated that she attended a meeting last week in Caddo Parish with Mr. David Dodd, DADCO Consulting, Inc., a consulting firm that develops, implements, and teaches innovation in economic and community development, specializing in resilience and recovery from disasters/disruptions. She stated that issues with FEMA were discussed.

Mr. Jackson advised that hearings in the matter of effluent violations against Kenneth Joe Wells and Karen Darlene Wells at 7513 Booker Road, Haughton, LA, and Ming and Nancy Dong at 3185 Jamerson Road, Haughton, LA, are set for Thursday, November 3, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. in the 26th Judicial District Court.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2nd day of November, 2016, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:10 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

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