

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 17th day of May, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Bob Brotherton, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Ms. Wanda Bennett, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Tom Salzer. 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. Mac Plummer
Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Mr. Tom Salzer
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Fred Shewmake
Mr. Sonny Cook	Mr. Jack Skaggs

Others present were Mr. Bill Altimus, Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer; Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Benton, to adopt the minutes of the April 5, 2017, and April 19, 2017, regular meetings, and the April 19, 2017, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Mr. Larry Richardson, 270 Mott Road, Plain Dealing, LA, stated that he is medically unable to clean his property. He stated that he is currently under a doctor's care and will not be able to clean his property until the doctor releases him to do so. Mr. Richardson stated that some damage to the property was caused by a tornado from earlier this year.

Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented photographs of the property located at 270 Mott Road, and stated that a three-week extension was provided to Mr. Richardson due to his son stating that he would assist with cleanup of the property. He stated that there has been no change in the condition of the property.

Mr. Richardson stated that he does not live on the property. He stated that the RV has been sold, and will be removed.

Ms. Bennett requested that any further discussion on this matter be addressed at the appropriate time for Item No. 10 on the agenda.

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles on all street right-of-ways in Rosedale Place Subdivision, located in Sections 33 and 34, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA. This matter was tabled on May 4, 2017.

Mr. Avery requested that this matter be removed from the agenda. **Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to remove from the agenda, the public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles on all street right-of-ways in Rosedale Place Subdivision located in Sections 33 and 34, 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 Drainage Servitude located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Micha Duffy, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., was present. Mr. Ford stated that Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., was retained several years ago to develop a plan to improve drainage at the Bobby Byrd Ditch. He stated that the proposed drainage servitude to be located on Mr. Stuart Oden's property will assist with drainage improvements to the Bobby Byrd Ditch.

Mr. Duffy stated that he was tasked with developing a solution for current and future drainage issues as development continues near the Bobby Byrd Ditch. He stated that the proposed drainage servitude would allow for the Bobby Byrd Ditch to vary from its original course which creates a small tract of land between the ditch and property line, to relocate the drainage ditch on the property line. Mr. Duffy stated that Mr. Oden has agreed to dedicate the drainage servitude to the parish to improve drainage of the Bobby Byrd Ditch.

Mr. Ford stated that the proposed drainage servitude will improve drainage for existing and future development. He stated that his office is continuing to work with two property owners adjacent to the Bobby Byrd Ditch in order to obtain the needed additional property to complete the Bobby Byrd Drainage Improvements Project.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve the proposed Drainage Servitude located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, subject to review and approval by the Parish Attorney.**

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 Canal Place Subdivision, Unit No. 1, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Michael Kelsch, Raley and Associates, Inc., stated that the proposed development will be located across from Autumn Creek Subdivision off Old Brownlee Road. He stated that zoning and the masterplan have been approved.

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Oden hired Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., to construct a regional detention system on his property. He stated that a portion of the detention system has been built, and asked Mr. Kelsch if the drainage design

calculations used by Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., is sufficient for drainage from the proposed development. Mr. Kelsch stated that the portion of the detention system that has been constructed is sufficient for the proposed development. Mr. Duffy concurred that the existing detention system is sufficient for the proposed development.

Mr. Ford stated that drainage from the property where the proposed development is planned drains across Airline Drive north of Rosedale Place Subdivision into Willow Chute. He stated that relocation of the entrance to Willow Chute through the detention system is planned.

Mr. Ford stated that the existing Bobby Byrd Ditch is not sufficient to handle a 50 or 100-year flood event. He stated that plans are in place for the development of this subdivision to provide temporary improvements to the existing drainage. He further stated that in the future, if the parish is unable to make the necessary improvements to the Bobby Byrd Ditch, it may be necessary to request a dedicated easement from Mr. Oden on the south end of the proposed development to assist with drainage from Autumn Creek Subdivision.

Mr. Ford provided additional information pertaining to drainage and improvements of the Bobby Byrd Ditch. There was additional discussion regarding drainage. Mr. Ford stated that the proposed drainage improvements will assist with drainage issues in Rosedale Place Subdivision.

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Oden will be responsible for maintaining the detention pond. Mr. Bill Mayfield stated that as new development occurs on this large tract of land, maintenance of the detention pond will be provided by all homeowners associations developed on this tract of land.

Mr. Ford stated that water and sewer will be provided by the City of Bossier City. He stated that sidewalks and streetlights are planned. Mr. Ford stated that the tract of land located adjacent to Old Brownlee Road which is not part of the proposed development, will be developed in the future with homes similar to homes located directly across the street on Old Brownlee Road.

Mr. Ford stated that a traffic study was previously provided by the proposed Wal-Mart development which determined that the proposed Canal Place Subdivision and existing school on Old Brownlee Road is the cause of traffic issues at Old Brownlee Road and Wemple Road intersection. He stated that on July 6, 2016, the police jury tabled scheduling a public hearing for the proposed development of Canal Place Subdivision to be considered at later date once needed improvements to the intersection of Old Brownlee Road and Wemple Road and all drainage concerns were resolved.

Mr. Ford stated that since the proposed Wal-Mart will not be developing in this area, a new traffic study has been submitted which determines that the proposed Canal Place Subdivision will not adversely affect traffic on Old Brownlee Road and Wemple Road.

Mr. Ford recommended approval of the proposed plat. There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Canal Place Subdivision, Unit No. 1, a Planned Unit Development, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

Mr. Marsiglia stated that the proposed development by G&H Development is significantly different than the previously proposed development. He stated that it is proposed that the entire 55.139 acres be platted as Unit No. 1 with a total of 10 lots, with one lot consisting of eight-acres and another lot consisting of 25-acres. He further stated that the remaining lots will consist of a minimum of two-acres each.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that the Benton-Parish MPC required that the 55.139-acre tract of land be rezoned to R-1 because the masterplan provides for possible future subdividing of the 25-acre lot and eight-acre lot into eight additional lots for a total of 18 lots on the 55.139-acre tract of land. He stated that the Benton-Parish MPC zoning board feels that the density of the proposed 18 lots is sufficient for R-1 zoning, and a favorable recommendation was issued. Mr. Marsiglia stated that there was opposition to the proposed zoning amendment.

Ms. Bennett asked if all water and sewer issues have been addressed. Mr. Marsiglia stated that G&H Development are currently working with Mr. Ford on matters concerning water and sewer.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to schedule a public hearing on June 21, 2017, to consider the application of G&H Development to the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of 55.139 acres, more or less, located in Section 24, Township 20 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-1, One-Family Residence District, for future residential development.**

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

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to schedule a public hearing on June 21, 2017, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Willow Creek at Benton Subdivision, located in Section 24, 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.**

Mr. Marsiglia presented a proposed ordinance to amend zoning regulations to change the minimum lot size in R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to one (1) acre in area. He stated that current regulations allow for a minimum 6,000-foot lot size in R-A zoned areas, which is not feasible.

Motion was made by Mr. Shewmake, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to schedule a public hearing on June 21, 2017, to consider the application of the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission to amend the zoning regulations to change the minimum lot size in an R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to One (1) Acre in area.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to schedule a public hearing on June 21, 2017, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Waterford Lake Subdivision, located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The President called for public comment. Mr. Skaggs requested that a meeting be scheduled with Mr. Keith Norwood and Superintendent Scott Smith, Bossier Parish School Board, to discuss the proposed development.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of property located at 676 Red Chute Lane, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 111596, 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 676 Red Chute Lane, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 111596.

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

Ms. Hauser requested that condemnation of property located at 5255 John Wilson Drive, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 105116, be removed from the agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to remove from the agenda 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.**

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 270 Mott Road, Plain Dealing, LA, Tax Assessment No. 108374. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property and advised that there has been no progress as previously discussed in the meeting.

Mr. Ghormley stated that as discussed earlier, Mr. Richardson's son stated that he would begin working to clean up the property and a three-week extension was granted. He stated that there has been no effort to clean the property.

Mr. Richardson stated that his property is located in rural Bossier Parish, and is not located in a subdivision. He stated that the closest home to him is located approximately one-quarter of a mile away. Mr. Ghormley stated that he has advised Mr. Richardson that all trash and debris must be removed from the property.

Mr. Richardson claimed that the property was clean until the recent tornado. Mr. Ghormley provided photographs of the property that was damaged by the tornado, and existing items on the property prior to the tornado.

Mr. Richardson stated that there are other properties located in the vicinity that are in worse condition than his property, but no one is addressing those properties.

Ms. Bennett explained the condemnation process to Mr. Richardson, advising him that if the property is cleaned prior to parish crews cleaning the property, no lien will be filed on the property, and the file will be closed. It was further explained to Mr. Richardson that the parish does not arbitrarily select properties in the parish that are in violation of property standards regulations, but respond only to complaints made by citizens.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to proceed with condemnation of property at 270 Mott Road, Plain Dealing, LA, Tax Assessment No. 108374, in accordance with property standards regulations.**

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

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 1079 CC Sandidge Road, Elm Grove, LA, Tax Assessment No. 116764. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property and advised that there has been significant progress. He recommended that a 30-day extension be granted to allow the property owner time to complete cleanup of the property.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to allow the owner of property at 1079 CC Sandidge Road, Elm Grove, LA, Tax Assessment No. 116764, an additional thirty (30) days 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 June 21, 2017, regular meeting.

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 1746 Wafer Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 113639. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property and advised that there has been no progress.

Ms. Joyce Desadier, property owner, was present. She stated that she is disabled, but friends are assisting her with the cleanup of the property.

Mr. Benton extended appreciation to those assisting Ms. Desadier with the cleanup of her property. He stated that he is also concerned that there are currently three existing residences on the tract of land which is a violation of parish regulations. He further stated that electricity will not be allowed to the new mobile home until the existing mobile home has been removed. Ms. Desadier stated that the third home located on the property is used for storage only.

Ms. Desadier stated that the two mobile homes are located on two different tracts of land. Mr. Ghormley confirmed that there are two tracts of land.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that MPC records show that there are two tracts of land, but the existing older mobile home is located on both tracts, and the new mobile home that has been placed on the property is located too close to the road. He stated that it is his understanding that Greg Tilley's Mobile Homes will be assisting with removing the old mobile home and relocating the new mobile home on the property.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to allow the owner of property at 1746 Wafer Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 113639, an additional thirty (30) days 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 June 21, 2017, regular meeting.

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 5212 Clover Lane, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 101819. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property and advised that he has been in contact with the property owner. He stated that the property owner is handicapped and a shut-in, and was unaware of the condition of the property. Mr. Ghormley recommended a two-week extension in which to complete cleanup of the property.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to allow the owner of property at 5212 Clover Lane, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 101819, 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 June 7, 2017, regular meeting.

Ms. Hauser announced the hearing to consider condemnation of property at 787 Randy Lane, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 115262. Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of the property and advised that there has been no change in the condition of the property.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Avery, to proceed with condemnation of property at 787 Randy Lane, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 115262, 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 stated that complaints are being received regarding the condition of property on flood damaged property in Tall Timbers Subdivision. Mr. Benton stated that the parish does not own the lots at this time, and requested that a letter be sent to the property owners advising them that in order for the parish to clean the properties, condemnation of the properties is required.

Mr. Jackson stated that he would prepare letters to be sent to the property owners providing them with information on the condemnation process and the requirement for the property to be condemned in order for the parish to clean them at this time.

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to ratify and accept the recommendation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Board of Appeals on May 4, 2017, to uphold the findings of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Officer, in the matter of UV Logistics, LLC, Report No. 1651 issued on January 26, 2017.

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

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve the reappointment of Mr. David Brian to the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District Board of Commissioners for a two-year term, term to expire June 1, 2019.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to accept the resignation of Mr. Martin Bourgeois from the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission Zoning Board, effective June 1, 2017.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to adopt a resolution proclaiming May 22, 2017, as National Maritime Day.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on May 22, 1819, the steamship *The Savannah* set sail from Savannah, Georgia, on the first successful transoceanic voyage under steam propulsion, thus making a material contribution to the advancement of ocean transportation; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1933, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled and approved that May 22 of each year shall be designated and known as National Maritime Day; and

WHEREAS, during WW II in what became the world's largest sealift operation, more than 250,000 members of the American Merchant Marine served their country, with more than 6,700 giving their lives, hundreds being detained as prisoners of war and more than 800 ships being sunk or damaged; and

WHEREAS, waterways have enabled much of the commerce that has expanded America's economy, sprouted cities near waterways and facilitated vast domestic and international commerce crucial to our economy today; and

WHEREAS, merchant mariners have served America with distinction throughout our history, but especially at critical moments of war and natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, the United States Merchant Marine and thousands of other workers in our Nation’s maritime industry continue to make immeasurable contributions to our economic strength and our ongoing efforts to build a more peaceful world; and

WHEREAS, the United States Merchant Marine also shepherds the safe passage of American goods, move exports to customers around the world, support the flow of domestic commerce on our maritime highways, strengthen our Nation’s economy, bolster job creation and, along with the transportation industry, employ Americans on ships and tugs, and in ports, like our Port of Caddo Bossier; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to increase the awareness of the maritime industry within Bossier Parish.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bossier Parish Police Jury joins the President of the United States of America in proclaiming May 22, 2017, as National Maritime Day and calls upon the citizens of Bossier Parish to celebrate this observance.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of May, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to accept the proposal of Owen Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$13,800.00 for professional engineering services for bridge load rating and evaluation, 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 17th day of May, 2017, that Joe E. “Butch” Ford, Parish Engineer, or Bob Brotherton, 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 Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$13,800.00 for professional engineering services for bridge load rating and evaluation.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of May, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve an Act of Transfer between the City of Bossier City, Bossier Parish Police Jury, BPCC Foundation, Inc., and the State of Louisiana for use of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, Bossier Parish Community College, for the transfer of certain tracts of land located in Sections 18 and 19, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, and to authorize 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 17th day of May, 2017, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Bob Brotherton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, an Act of Transfer between the City of Bossier City, Bossier Parish Police Jury, BPCC Foundation, Inc., and the State of Louisiana for the use of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, Bossier Parish Community College, for the transfer of certain tracts of land located in Sections 18 and 19, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of May, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve a Declaration of Servitudes by Destination of Owner and Restrictive Covenants between the City of Bossier City, Bossier Parish Police Jury, and Cyberspace Innovation Center, Incorporated d/b/a Cyber Innovation Center, for a certain tract of land containing 9.920 acres, more or less, located in Sections 18 and 19, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, 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 17th day of May, 2017, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Bob Brotherton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a Declaration of Servitudes by Destination of Owner and Restrictive Covenants between the City of Bossier City, Bossier Parish Police Jury, and Cyberspace Innovation Center, Incorporated d/b/a Cyber Innovation Center, for a certain tract of land containing 9.920 acres, more or less, located in Sections 18 and 19, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of May, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser requested that the agenda be amended to consider the reappointment of Mr. Michael Williams to the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District Board of Commissioners for a six-year term, term to expire June 1, 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Darby, to amend the agenda to consider the reappointment of Mr. Michael Williams to the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District Board of Commissioners for a six-year term, term to expire June 1, 2023.

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. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to reappoint Mr. Michael Williams to the Bossier Parish Emergency Medical Services District Board of Commissioners for a six-year term, term to expire June 1, 2023.

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

Mr. Altimus presented a request from the Bossier City K-9 Unit for use of the Juvenile Detention Facility for possible training of their K-9 dogs. He stated that Mr. Jim Firth will be meeting with the K-9 Unit to tour the facility to determine if the facility will meet their needs for training.

Mr. Altimus recommended that if the facility meets the needs of the K-9 Unit for training, they be allowed use of the Juvenile Detention Facility. He stated that once they have toured the facility, he will provide a report to the police jury.

Mr. Ford reported that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development will be conducting a public meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2017, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Barksdale Baptist Church to discuss the Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway Project.

Mr. Ford stated that a meeting with AEP and AT&T is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2017, to discuss possible relocation of utility lines for replacement of the old Vanceville Road Bridge which has been closed. He stated that it is unknown at this time how long the bridge will be closed.

Mr. Ford provided an update on closings being scheduled for the purchase of flood damaged homes through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. He stated that FEMA and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness have requested additional information, and his office is working diligently to provide all requested information.

Mr. Ford stated that Bossier Parish may be eligible for funds in the amount of \$1 million from the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program for the next cycle. He stated that the deadline to submit a list of bridges that need to be replaced is May 31, 2017. There was further discussion regarding needed bridge replacements in Bossier Parish, and what qualifications had to be met for a bridge to qualify for these funds.

Mr. Ford stated that the deadline to submit preliminary applications for the FY2018-2019 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program is June 9, 2017. He stated that two applications are to be submitted for street, water or sewerage projects for low income areas. Mr. Ford stated that two possible areas being considered for sewer rehabilitation are Bodcau Station Road and Merrywoods Subdivision.

Mr. Ford stated that on March 5, 2014, Ms. Judy Rowe, a resident at 12635 Highway 157, Haughton, LA, came before the police jury requesting to add a fourth home on her property. He stated that the police jury denied Ms. Rowe's request.

Mr. Ford stated that last year one of the mobile homes located on the property was destroyed by fire. He stated that Ms. Rowe has submitted an application to replace the mobile home, and when he inspected the property, it was determined that a dog kennel had been converted into a rental apartment and assigned an address. Mr. Ford stated that he immediately revoked her permit to place another mobile home on the property.

Mr. Ford presented a recent request from Ms. Rowe asking that the police jury allow an additional electric meter located on the property at 12635 Highway 157, Haughton, LA, to be turned on so that she can continue to provide maintenance to the property. He stated that Ms. Rowe advised that she will not place any additional residences on the property without police jury approval.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the police jury to deny Ms. Rowe's request for an additional electric meter located on property at 12635 Highway 157, Haughton, LA, to be turned on.

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

Mr. Cochran requested that the Price Barker family be remembered in everyone's thoughts and prayers. He stated that Mr. Barker provided legal services to the police jury many years ago.

Mr. Skaggs introduced Ms. Ali Feaster Smith, Executive Assistant for Representative Raymond Crews.

Mr. Benton stated that Mr. Alan Andersen came before the police jury on April 5, 2017, regarding damage to his property at 1400 Wafer Road when Wicker Construction, Inc., installed a sewer line between his property and his neighbor. He further stated that Mr. Anderson’s property boundary markers were knocked down during construction of this project.

Mr. Benton requested that all information needed in order to resolve this matter be provided to Mr. Jackson as soon as possible.

Mr. Jackson reported that complaints have been received regarding representatives of Vivint Louisiana, LLC, going door-to-door without proper identification from the parish and using aggressive sales tactics. He stated that a letter will be sent to Vivint regarding these recent complaints.

Mr. Jackson stated that meetings will be scheduled in the near future with Sheriff Whittington to discuss issues of obstruction of public passage.

Mr. Jackson stated that Mr. Price Barker was a long-time attorney for Bossier Parish, and asked that the Barker family be remembered in thoughts and prayers during their time of loss.

Finance Committee Meeting – May 17, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 17th day of May, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with all members present.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices for the month of April, 2017.

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

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned by Mr. Skaggs.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 17th day of May, 2017, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:23 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY