

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 21st day of June, 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 Mr. Fred Shewmake, 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. 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. Shewmake, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to adopt the minutes of the May 3, 2017, and May 17, 2017, regular meetings, and the May 17, 2017, Finance Committee meeting, as published.

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

Ms. Ginger Adam Corley, lobbyist, presented a report on the 2017 Regular Legislative Sessions. She stated that the 2017 Regular Session was a fiscal session, and the session began with a disagreement on the budget between Governor John Bel Edwards and the House of Representatives in the amount of \$400 million. Ms. Corley stated that the regular session ended without a budget, and a special session began immediately in an effort to reach an agreement. She stated that the special session ended Friday, June 16, 2017, with a budget in place.

Ms. Corley stated that the \$1.2 billion shortfall was not addressed during this session, but will be discussed on June 30, 2018, with the fifth penny we are now paying in sales tax and some exemptions and exclusions were sunsetted and will be rolling off. She stated that next year is not a fiscal session, and the Governor will need to call a special session to discuss the \$1.2 billion shortfall. She provided additional information pertaining to the state budget.

Ms. Corley discussed House Bill 1 which is the state budget. She stated that the Bossier City Riverfront and Civic Center Fund are included in House Bill 1 which funds the Bossier Civic Center and Centurylink Center.

Ms. Corley stated that four bills were proposed by some legislators to undedicate funds in the state budget. She stated that one of those funds was the Parish Transportation Fund which would require a constitutional amendment, but the Parish Transportation Fund was protected this year. She further stated that some of the legislators filed these bills to remove locals from the state budget. Ms. Corley stated that these funds are bonded and Parish Transportation Funds are extremely important to the parishes.

Ms. Corley stated that capital outlay funds remained in House Bill 2 and provided information on those funds.

Ms. Corley stated that House Bill 354 is a constitutional amendment that will be on the October 2017 ballot. She stated that this bill was passed as a means to collect any money received from any new gasoline or motor fuel tax. Ms. Corley stated that the gas tax did not pass this year, but House Bill 354 was placed on the October ballot to give the voters confidence that if a gas tax is passed in the future, the funds will not go back into the transportation trust fund where state police and DOTD have used those funds in the past for administration. Ms. Corley stated that the funds would be specifically used for road and maintenance only.

Ms. Corley discussed House Bill 495 which authorizes the transfer of the Northwest Developmental Center facility and the 55-acre tract of land it is located on to the Arc of Acadiana. She stated that the total tract of land owned by the state includes approximately 93 acres, and the remaining acreage not transferred to the Arc of Acadiana will possibly be bid out.

Ms. Corley discussed House Bill 598 which provides for changes to the Highway Priority Program and requires the Department of Transportation and Development to establish multi-year timelines and funding sources for projects and allows input from the Joint Highway Construction Priority Committee. She stated that this bill allows legislators serving on the Joint Highway Construction Priority Committee to add projects to the Highway Priority Program. She further stated that the bill would require periodic reports on which projects are ready and allow for the shifting of funds. Ms. Corley stated that a request to veto this bill has been submitted and once Governor Edwards has made a decision, she will advise the police jury.

Ms. Corley stated that House Bill 601 creates the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board to promote efficient and effective collection and administration of sales and use taxes. She stated that the board will be comprised of representatives of local government entities, and will work hand in hand with local tax collectors to develop uniform forms, model procedures, collection software, and a multi-parish audit process. She further stated that the bill also includes an evaluation of the collection of sales tax from online transactions.

Ms. Corley reported on several bills that did not pass during the legislative session. She stated that House Bill 41 is a constitutional amendment to remove the frequency of submission of tax proposals allowed, and would have eliminated the emergency provision for a political subdivision to put a measure on the ballot. She stated that this bill was defeated.

Ms. Corley stated that House Bill 138 was also defeated which would have established a reentry procedure into a parish following a disaster or emergency. She stated that the bill would have required cloud based computing and electronic verification for reentry.

Ms. Corley stated that House Bill 180 was also defeated which would have been a constitutional amendment to amend provisions of the ad valorem property tax exemption for certain manufacturers. She stated that this proposed bill and House Bill 206 would have codified the Governor's Executive Order outlining changes to the 10-year industrial

property tax exemption. Ms. Corley stated that Governor Edwards passed an executive order several months ago changing how the 10-year exemption was handled. She stated that it is now a five-year exemption with a three-year renewal option.

Ms. Corley stated that there were several bills defeated that would have changed capital outlay. She stated that the proposed bills would have removed local governments from the bill and allowed a reduction in the local match.

Ms. Corley stated that two bills that were defeated would have allowed parishes to put the homestead exemption on the ballot and allow parish voters to determine the amount of assessed value at which the homestead exemption should apply.

Ms. Corley stated that the state will not be regulating Uber or Lyft services. She stated that regulations for these services will have to be determined by municipalities and parishes.

Ms. Corley stated that House Bill 580 was defeated which would have required a portion of the timber severance taxes collected by local governments to be spent on road maintenance and construction of roads primarily used by timber, logging and lumber companies.

Ms. Corley stated that House Bill 632 was also defeated which would have created an additional tax on motor fuels and required tax on gasoline, diesel fuels and special fuels to be adjusted annually in accordance with Consumer Price Index.

Ms. Corley discussed three constitutional amendments which will be on the October 14, 2017, ballot.

After further discussion, the jury thanked Ms. Corley for her report, and commended her for her efforts in Baton Rouge. Jurors also thanked members of the legislative delegation for their continued support of Bossier Parish.

Ms. Pam Gras, representative for Congressman Mike Johnson, stated that Congressman Johnson's flagship office is located at 2250 Hospital Drive, Ste. 248, Bossier City, LA. She stated that they are here to serve the constituents of Bossier Parish in any way they can. She further stated that the Bossier City office has three full-time employees and one part-time employee. Ms. Gras stated that Chip Layton serves as the Deputy District Director, and Leslie Quinn is a part-time employee who will be handling grants.

Ms. Gras asked that anyone needing assistance with Federal Agencies to please contact their office. She stated that they are extremely proud of what Congressman Johnson has already accomplished since his election.

Mr. Matt Howerton, District Staff Assistant for Congressman Johnson, expressed appreciation to the police jury for their work in Bossier Parish. He stated that Congressman Johnson has a strong work ethic and will represent Bossier Parish well. He further stated that Congressman Johnson believes in keeping his roots in District 4, and has elected to keep his residence here and travel to Washington, D.C. every Monday and travel home every Thursday.

Mr. Howerton encouraged the police jurors and the public to reach out to Congressman Johnson with any questions or concerns.

Mr. Howerton stated that Congressman Johnson has been appointed to the prestigious Judiciary Committee which has a great deal of oversight power over federal agencies. He stated that Congressman Johnson has also been appointed to the National Resources Committee which is critical for the State of Louisiana. Mr. Howerton stated that it is rare for a freshman to be appointed to the prestigious Judiciary Committee, and appointed as Vice Chairman to a sub-committee of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Howerton presented a Commitment to Civility authored by Congressman Johnson and signed by 47 of 55 new members of congress which basically states that they are dedicated to showing proper respect to one another and all others, encouraging productive dialogue, and modeling civility in their public and private actions.

Mr. Howerton stated that the Child Exploitation Act, Congressman Johnson's first bill submitted, passed overwhelmingly. He stated that this bill removed a loophole which would allow child predators to get away based on a lack of motive. He stated that Congressman Johnson's second bill, the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway Extension Act, was passed as well. He stated that this bill will assist with cutting red tape and protecting the infrastructure, particularly hydroelectric infrastructure. He stated that the bill was almost passed unanimously with a vote of 400 to 1.

Mr. Howerton stated that several town hall meetings have been held by Congressman Johnson and one town hall meeting per parish per year is planned.

Mr. Howerton expressed appreciation on behalf of Congressman Johnson to the police jury for their service to Bossier Parish and their support. He stated that it is important to Congressman Johnson that he continue to work with counterparts in state and local governments to ensure that all constituents are served to the maximum of their ability.

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing 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 application received a favorable recommendation from the Benton-Parish MPC.

Mr. Ford stated that there are a number of issues that need to be resolved pertaining to this development and he is not prepared to recommend approval of the request to amend the zoning classification. He stated that he spoke with Mr. Jerry Hartline regarding the issues and the applicant has requested that this matter be tabled until such time as all issues can be resolved.

Mr. Jackson stated that this hearing was publicly noticed and members of the community are present and should be allowed to present their comments and concerns so that they will not be required to come back when the public hearing is rescheduled.

Mr. Brotherton requested that each presentation be limited to three minutes and requested that the public's comments not be repetitive.

Ms. Allison Brigham, 945 Old Plain Dealing Road, submitted the following document pertaining to the proposed G&H Development and requested that these concerns be entered into the record:

CONSTITUENT CONCERNS WITH G&H DEVELOPMENT

Good afternoon, my name is Allison Brigham and I reside at 945 Old Plain Dealing Road adjacent to G&H Development. I would like a copy of these comments admitted into the minutes and will share them on behalf of the

signees of the petition previously submitted when this was first brought before the MPC and Police Jury and the current one that will be added.

SAFETY

This area is difficult for development because of sight factors and the excessive speed some utilize. There have been numerous accidents in this area, one resulting in death. One resident has received several insurance claims within the past year because of property damage, several others have been blessed that vehicles have been stopped by fences and mailboxes instead of running into their homes.

The roads are poor leading to this area especially the portion within the town of Benton, it is not uncommon for vehicles to ride in the center until they meet another vehicle.

Additionally, 20 homes will most likely add 2 vehicles per home, not including children of driving age, this will be 40 more cars added to a challenging safety issue area.

Ms. Brigham requested that an interior street be considered for school buses for the proposed subdivision so that the children would be picked up inside the subdivision, and not on the main road due to safety concerns.

DRAINAGE

Water flow – More drainage will occur down Willow Bend Road into a culvert that will ultimately cause standing water on the Reyenga/Durbin property and end with the Hackman property (it does this already, it will just be exacerbated). The runoff will also affect the Smith Lake (Brigham's and Taylor's border said lake). This is a lake we all intend for our grandchildren and descendants to enjoy so it is imperative that the development does not harm or destroy what has been maintained and enjoyed by our families for a long time.

WATER WELLS

Twenty water wells, one official stated that 20 water wells will have no affect on neighboring wells. How in the world can we say that? In fact, T. Boone Pickens, a business magnate & financier, was quoted as saying "Water is the New Oil". There are threats to the water supply because of human consumption and use.

According to FEWresources.com, we are withdrawing fresh water from surface water sources and ground aquifers at rates faster than they can replenish. Much of the freshwater is not worthy of human consumption. We are all concerned about our wells longevity not only for ourselves and families, but for the livestock all the farms around here raise and sell.

BURIAL SITES

An affidavit was previously submitted concerning the burial sites on the property. There were burial sites for field hands or slaves in this area. In earlier years, burials were on Plantations, as stated by a deceased Benton black resident, Mrs. Zella Mayfield. She and her husband worked this property, in fact some of her children were born on Willow Bend Plantation. Old Marble Markers (headstones) did exist on this property, they were either destroyed or stolen. A very old one room cabin was on this property, the chimney was still intact several years ago.

Ms. Brigham stated that she was assured that all burial sites would be handled properly.

COVENANTS

The covenants they have seem to be quiet generic. The constituents of this area are concerned with the precedent that this development will be establishing for all future developments.

COMPARABLE PLATS IN THE AREA

Mr. Walter Hill purchased the properties over 30 years ago and submitted plat changes, even to the extent of obtaining Benton City Water. Codes and regulations may have existed but no public notification was made to land owners allowing land owners to voice any opinions. He did submit covenants that noted several items of interest, including no mobile homes. Was there a process for notifying the public 30 years ago?

SURVEY

We have some concerns with the survey, because when G&H Development began clearing the property next to ours, they were our property. We have a stand of trees and brush that we left unfenced. It is very muddy, wet and posts do not hold well in there, it is near where the spring is located, next to the lake.

Ms. Brigham stated that it appears that G&H Development is using the fence line as the property line and not the actual survey. She stated that she does not want the detention pond to be constructed on the spring located on their property.

SPRING

This lake is a spring fed lake and we are quite concerned with the possibility of the proposed detention pond ruining the source of water for the lake, our spring. My husband has offered to meet with Butch, G&H, Scott Smith on a day he is available and show all of this to them.

LIVESTOCK

The surrounding properties have livestock. Our children have grown up with livestock and understand that they are not "pets" they are huge animals and must be treated with respect. Some of us have bulls that could hurt children that trespass on adjacent properties. What can G&H do to make sure that doesn't happen and to remove the possibility of liability from adjacent landowners?

PIPELINE SAFETY

A 16 inch pipeline was constructed in the early 1920's. It comes through the property at 1056 Old Plain Dealing Road and extends down Willow Bend Road through the 165 Willow Bend Road property into the Smith's property at Willow Bend Plantation. This may even be one of the pipelines through our property. Regardless, regulations for pipeline construction in the early 1920's are not the same requirements for pipeline construction today. It is imperative this is noted! To our knowledge, there have been no upgrades to this pipeline to bring it up to today's (2017) standards. In 1966, the pipeline blew out in the proximity of 125 Willow Bend Road. I have been told it was a horrific sight! Deaths could have easily occurred. I would suggest further study of the pipeline. Signing off on this development at this juncture could have liability issues, in my opinion. Will the cement trucks, construction equipment affect the road and the pipeline underneath it? I don't have an answer for you, but the traffic and heavy vehicles on Old Plain Dealing Road within the city limits have surely affected that part of the road. It is frightening to think of a pipeline under a structure like that.

In conclusion, I do appreciate the opportunity to address you with our concerns. I do realize that this is a difficult position for each of you, but we are concerned with the precedent that will be established with this development. We are

a rural farming/livestock area and love the area we are raising our children and grandchildren in. While we realize progress is coming, is it so bad to retain our heritage? Will we all wish that there were cattle and horse farms or are we looking at an end to family farms? Please think of tabling this development until all factors can be worked out and establish a way forward for future developments that won't destroy the way of life WE have chosen.

Mr. Scott Smith, owner of the property at the end of Willow Bend Road, stated that he has lived there for approximately 25 years. He stated that he met with Mr. Jerry Hartline and Mr. Joey French on May 17, 2017, to discuss the proposed development.

Mr. Smith stated that he owns a 20-acre pond which is a main water shed that is registered with the Department of Transportation and Development and every two years an inspection is required. He stated that recommendations are made by DOTD after the inspection on how to better maintain the spillway and all those who are downstream.

Mr. Smith stated that the proposed development will cause additional drainage onto his property and would like to ensure that Mr. Hartline and Mr. French follow through with their promises pertaining to drainage. Mr. Smith presented the following information as discussed at the May 17, 2017, meeting with Mr. Hartline and Mr. French:

Willow Bend Ranch

183 Bend Rd.

Benton, LA 71006

May 31, 2017

Per meeting with adjacent land owner Scott Smith with Joey French and developer Jerry Hartline per Willow Creek Subdivision on May 17, 2017: Agreed upon by Jerry Hartline G&H Development, LLC, and Joey French, engineer for development to:

1. Have septic tanks with field lines per local and state requirements (Per Joey French, he said soil perc test will work with that type of soil, already tested soil).

2. G&H Development, LLC, agreed to provide a further wetland habitat area in and around proposed detention area to include Cypress trees, reeds and cattail plants.

3. Above described detention area to be 98,800 cubic feet, earthen dam with drain pipe above settling area to slow the flow of water during flash flood events. Earthen dam to have planted vegetation to insure that no erosion or breach occurs in earthen dam.

4. G&H Development, LLC, agrees to entirely fence off detention area upon completion of detention area.

5. Upon meeting with G&H Development, LLC, and Joey French, Scott Smith expressed safety concerns on Willow Bend Road, where top of hill has blind spot each way. G&H Development, LLC, and Joey French agreed with Scott Smith to locate driveway for Lot 2, next to Lot 1 property line in the westerly direction to make driveway further from top of hill and to have side driveways for lots 3 & 4 going out to proposed road at top of hill. Lot 5 driveway to be installed next to Lot 6 property lines in an easterly direction. Lots 1 & 2 could have a common drive and Lots 5 & 6 as well. (See attached map with proposed driveway, designation in blue)

6. Jerry Hartline, G&H Development, LLC, Joey French and Scott Smith are all in agreement with the items listed above. Changes in covenants, restrictions and plat should reflect the same.

Thank you for consideration of these items discussed. I would like these items to be included for public hearing dated June 21, 2017, with the MPC, for public record.

Respectfully,

Douglas Scott Smith

Mr. Smith stated that he will be watching the development closely to ensure that the stipulations that have been agreed to by Mr. Hartline and Mr. French are followed.

Ms. Michelle Taylor, a contingent property owner, stated that one of her concerns is school buses, emergency vehicles and additional traffic on the roadway. She requested that an enclosed community be designed with one entrance and exit to the subdivision. She recommended that a flashing yellow light or street light be considered at the entrance and exit of the development to control traffic. She further recommended that an additional lane be considered on Old Plain Dealing Road to assist with the already existing traffic issues.

Ms. Hannah Gamble, 1245 Old Plain Dealing Road, stated that she is also present on behalf of Sydney Elliott, owner of Conley Stables which is located across from the proposed G&H Development. She stated that she also has the same concerns that have already been presented today, as well as some additional concerns. Ms. Gamble stated that widening of Old Plain Dealing Road is needed due to safety concerns, and asked who would be responsible for the expense associated with widening the roadway.

Ms. Gamble asked if an environmental impact study has been performed for this development to determine how additional concrete and run-off will affect the environment. Ms. Bennett stated that the police jury does not have that information at this time. Ms. Gamble asked who would have that information. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that he is unaware of any environmental impact study being done for this development. He stated that during his 35 years of being involved with development regulations, an environmental impact study has not been required for a residential development. Ms. Gamble requested that as a member of this community, an environmental impact study be done for this development. She stated that this development is foreign to the nature of businesses that exist in this community.

Ms. Gamble also requested a financial impact study be done on the decrease in the agriculture business, as well as estimated increases associated with the proposed new homes and the costs associated with an increase of police force and time constraints on firemen having to help new individuals in the area. She asked if this information can be obtained.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that the initial plat is for 11 lots, and the proposed masterplan includes a total of 18 lots in the future. He stated that he does not feel that the requested studies are feasible for the amount of lots being proposed. Ms. Gamble stated that she feels the new development will be a huge impact to the area and the studies need to be done. She stated she purchased 173 acres in this area in 2015 for the sole purpose to keep it farm land.

Ms. Bennett requested that comments submitted today on this matter not be personal opinions on the proposed development, but how this development may adversely affect the area. Ms. Gamble asked if the land she purchased specifically for agriculture business will be devalued due to the proposed development. It was stated that the proposed

development would not devalue the agriculture property in this area. Ms. Gamble stated that she feels from a buyer's standpoint looking to purchase agriculture land, the value would be affected.

Ms. Gamble stated that the property where Conley Stables is located was rezoned for a subdivision, but the property owner purchased the entire tract of land so that a subdivision would not be built in this area. She stated that many property owners in this area would like to keep the area farm land.

Ms. Mary Peace Bounds, 105 Willow Bend Road, stated that the police jury needs to review audio recordings and minutes from the Benton-Parish MPC meetings on this matter. She stated that her comments and concerns were submitted at that time. Ms. Bounds stated that she provided the information pertaining to the pipeline that erupted in 1966 off Old Plain Dealing Road in this area. She stated that the incident was extremely frightening.

Ms. Bounds stated that she presented several questions at the Benton-Parish MPC meeting, and Mr. Ford was to obtain the information to provide to her. She stated that she has not received the requested information to date.

Ms. Bounds stated that she had to have two water wells drilled before they were successful with a good water well which provides water to her home and her horses. She asked if the aquifer drops due to the drilling of water wells for the proposed development, who will be financially responsible for replacing her water well when her aquifer drops and she has no water.

Ms. Bounds stated that this area is zoned for agriculture use, and does not want that to change. She stated that the roadway is very dangerous and reported of a recent car accident.

Ms. Bennett stated that there will be no action on this matter today. **Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to table the public hearing indefinitely 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.**

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 Willow Creek at Benton Subdivision, located in Section 24, Township 20 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to table the public hearing indefinitely to consider 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.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing 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 application received a favorable recommendation from the Benton-Parish MPC.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that current Benton-Parish MPC zoning regulations require a minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet in an R-A zoned area which is not feasible. He recommended an amendment to the zoning regulations to increase the minimum lot size to one acre in area in an R-A zoned area.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve 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.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4647

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126, ARTICLE III, SECTION 126-716(c)(1) OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO MINIMUM LOT SIZE IN AN R-A, RESIDENCE-AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, LOCATED WITHIN THE FIVE-MILE JURISDICTION OF THE BENTON-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 21st day of June, 2017, that Chapter 126, Article III, Section 126-716(c)(1), be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article III – UNINCORPORATED AREA WITHIN FIVE MILES OF BENTON

Section 126-716. R-A residence-agriculture districts.

(c) *Building site area.* Except as provided in division 3 of this article, the minimum building site area within the R-A district shall be as follows:

(1) One-Family dwelling, **One (1) Acre in area.**

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of June, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing 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.

Mr. Donnie Barker, Mohr and Associates, Inc., requested approval of the proposed Waterford Lake Subdivision, which is an extension of Legacy Subdivision. He stated that since approval of the Waterford Bend Subdivision, an amended masterplan for the Legacy Subdivision development has been submitted to the Bossier City-Parish MPC and the Bossier Parish Police Jury. Mr. Barker stated that plans for extension of the Sawgrass Parkway have been submitted to the Bossier Parish Engineer's Office for review.

Mr. Skaggs asked if the Bossier Parish School Board has reviewed the plans for the development and extension of Sawgrass Parkway. Mr. Keith Norwood, Bossier Parish School Board, stated that meetings have been held to discuss this matter, and the school board has expressed some concerns.

Mr. Norwood stated that it is his understanding that the developer is working to address the school board's concerns, which include drainage issues, Corps of Engineers wetland permitting issues, and potential traffic issues. He stated that the school board does not believe that this particular unit will impact the traffic significantly.

Mr. Norwood stated that the original masterplan for Legacy Subdivision provided for the parent drive for Legacy Elementary School to run parallel with Legacy Elementary Drive and extend around Legacy Subdivision to connect to the Sawgrass Parkway behind the school. He stated that due to an increase in traffic at the school and the Sawgrass Parkway Extension not being complete, the school board continued the parent drive around the perimeter of the school to accommodate the increase of traffic. He further stated that traffic is currently entering from Swan Lake Road instead of the Sawgrass Parkway Extension as originally planned.

Mr. Norwood stated that the school board is concerned for the children that will be crossing Legacy Elementary Drive from Waterford Bend Subdivision to school. He stated that the developer agreed to construct a sidewalk from the entrance of Waterford Bend Subdivision along Legacy Elementary Drive, and a striped crosswalk for the children to cross Legacy Elementary Drive at the entrance to the school. He stated that traffic from the proposed subdivision may slightly impact the crossing walk with parents coming from that unit to the school.

Mr. Norwood discussed drainage and the ditch located behind the school in the event of a major storm event. He stated that all concerns have been submitted to the developer, and they are awaiting responses. Mr. Skaggs stated that Legacy Subdivision was designed to handle its own storm water drainage, and the school should not be affected in any way.

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Waterford Lake Subdivision, located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, subject to Bossier Parish School Board's concerns being addressed and final review and approval by the Parish Engineer.

The President called for public comment. There was additional discussion regarding the traffic plan for Legacy Elementary School. Mr. Ford requested that the masterplan for Legacy Subdivision reflect two access points to Legacy Elementary School from Sawgrass Parkway for residents who live on interior lots of the subdivision to access the school once the subdivision has been built out. He stated that the original plan was to keep as much school traffic off Swan Lake Road as possible.

Mr. Norwood stated that currently, the school zone that feeds Legacy Elementary School includes residents on Airline Drive and Palmetto Road which has a certain traffic flow to accommodate the traffic from those areas. He stated that ultimately, once Legacy Subdivision is built out, the subdivision will exclusively feed Legacy Elementary School and the traffic flow will change and potentially create a traffic conflict on Swan Lake Road.

Mr. Ford stated that he believes that once the subdivision is built out and traffic begins using Sawgrass Parkway as an access to the school, all traffic concerns will be resolved.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to schedule a public hearing on July 19, 2017, to consider the application of the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission to amend the zoning regulations to allow the use of Kennel/Boarding in an R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, under Planning approval.

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 July 19, 2017, to consider approval of the plat of the Sawgrass Parkway Right-of-Way Dedication and Subdivision, located in Section 22, 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. Ghormley presented current photographs of property located at 5212 Clover Lane, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 101819, advising that the property owner has done a substantial amount of work to clean up the property. Mr. Ghormley recommended that the file on this property be closed.

Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to dismiss condemnation proceedings on property at 5212 Clover Lane, Bossier City, LA, Tax Assessment No. 101819.

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 1746 Wafer Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 113639, advising that the property owner has requested a 30-day extension due to weather.

Ms. Joyce Desadier, owner of property at 1746 Wafer Road, requested an extension due to the weather. She stated that she is disabled and depends on friends to help her clean the property. She further stated that the Church of Christ on Airline Drive has offered to assist her with the cleanup of the home, but no time has been set.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Darby, 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. Mr. Benton asked if the issue with the location of the new mobile home has been resolved. Mr. Ford stated that this property is in violation of property standards regulations, as well as other violations which include the placement of a new mobile home on the property without obtaining the required permit and the new mobile home has been placed within the required 50-foot setback and will need to be moved. He recommended that the property standards issues be resolved first, and the remaining violations will be addressed once the property has been cleaned.

Votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously. The matter will be reviewed at the July 19, 2017, regular meeting.

Mr. Ghormley presented current photographs of property located at 1079 CC Sandidge Road, Elm Grove, LA, Tax Assessment No. 116764, advising 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. Shewmake, seconded by Mr. Benton, 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 July 19, 2017, regular meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to ratify and accept the recommendation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Board of Appeals on June 7, 2017, to uphold the findings of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Officer, in the matter of Schlumberger Technology Corporation, Report No. 1597 issued on November 14, 2016.

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. Cochran, to approve the request of Sportspectrum for a letter of no objection to the selling of beer at the annual River Cities & Ironfish Triathlon on August 6, 2017, at the Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation Park, 135 Cypress Park Drive, Benton, LA.

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 adopt a resolution accepting State Project No. H.011727, FAP No. H011727, Bossier North-South Corridor-Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Clearing and Grubbing as satisfactory and complete.

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF STATE PROJECT NO. H.011727, FAP NO. H011727, REGARDING BOSSIER NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR - SWAN LAKE ROAD (I-220 TO FLAT RIVER) CLEARING & GRUBBING, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, a final inspection of State Project No. H.011727, FAP No. H011727, entitled Bossier North-South Corridor – Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Clearing & Grubbing, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, was made on May 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, all phases of work under the contract with F. J. Burnell, Inc. concerning the State Project No. H.011727, FAP No. H011727, entitled Bossier North-South Corridor – Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Clearing & Grubbing, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, is final; and

WHEREAS, The State of Louisiana requires a resolution of completion, satisfaction, and acceptance of said work by the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish will maintain Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the State Project No. H.011727, FAP No. H011727, entitled Bossier North-South Corridor – Swan Lake Road (I-220 to Flat River) Clearing & Grubbing, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, as satisfactorily completed in accordance with the contract with James Construction Group, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bossier Parish will now maintain the work of the project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator and President or his designated representative for the Parish of Bossier is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents pertaining to the final acceptance of this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of June, 2017.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

BOB BROTHERTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Brotherton recommended that the speed limit on a ½ mile section of Johnson Koran Road be reduced from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour. He stated that the ½ mile section is the only area on Johnson Koran Road that has a subdivision and a large church. He further stated that there are two school bus stops in this area as well.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to reduce the speed limit on Johnson Koran Road from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour beginning at Koran Cemetery Road and extending ½ mile south.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4648

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON JOHNSON KORAN ROAD LOCATED IN SECTIONS 23 AND 26, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA,

BEGINNING AT KORAN CEMETERY ROAD AND EXTENDING ½ MILE SOUTH, 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 21st day of June, 2017, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon Johnson Koran Road, beginning at Koran Cemetery Road and extending ½ mile south in Sections 23 and 26, Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, in excess of thirty-five (35) 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. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 21st day of June, 2017.

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Mr. Altimus extended appreciation to Ms. Ginger Corley for her continued work and support during the legislative session for Bossier Parish.

Mr. Ford reported that approval has been received from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for the parish to purchase six additional flood damaged homes through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. He stated that these homes are located in Tall Timbers Subdivision.

Mr. Ford reported that the pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reducing existing flood damages for Lucky Estates Subdivision/Louisiana Highway 612 has been approved. He stated that an application has been submitted to GOHSEP for assistance as well for this project.

Mr. Ford advised that a letter was received from Governor John Bel Edwards pertaining to the Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit's launch of the Restore Louisiana Homeowners Assistance Program to help homeowners affected by the March and August 2016 flood to rebuild. He provided additional information on the program.

Mr. Ford provided an update on the Vanceville Road Bridge repairs. He stated that utilities have been moved and repairs will begin soon.

Mr. Ford reported that a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Arthur Ray Teague Walking/Bike Trail is scheduled for Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the boat launch.

Mr. Ford reported that there are a number of RV's being set up and lived in next to homes throughout the parish. He requested that a Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee meeting be scheduled July 5, 2017, time to be determined, to further discuss these issues.

Mr. Ford reported that complaints have been received regarding detention ponds in Woodhaven Subdivision. He stated that the detention ponds washed out last year, and the developer has refused to repair the detention ponds. He recommended that a hold be placed on the issuance of any further building permits in Woodhaven Subdivision until the needed repairs are complete. It was the consensus of the police jurors to place a hold on the issuance of building permits in Woodhaven Subdivision as recommended.

Mr. Jackson stated that he will forward a letter to the developer advising him that a hold has been placed on the issuance of building permits for Woodhaven Subdivision until all issues have been resolved.

Mr. Ford stated that sandbags are being made in advance of the predicted rainfall. He stated that approximately 1,200 to 1,500 sandbags are being made per hour.

Mr. Mark Coutee, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish. He stated that repairs to the Linton Road Bridge are complete.

Finance Committee Meeting – June 21, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 21st day of June, 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. Benton, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices for the month of May, 2017.

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

Mr. Skaggs, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee, advising that he, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cook, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Salzer, and Mr. Shewmake were present. He stated that Mr. Joe Buffington, Mr. Pat Culverhouse, Ms. Julie Gill, Ms. Rachel Hauser, Ms. Sheryl Thomas, and Mr. Bill Altimus were also present.

Mr. Skaggs stated that the Finance Committee discussed new Accounting Manuals and Internal Controls Policy presented for review by the Accounting Department of the Bossier Parish Police Jury. He stated that within the new Accounting Manuals, each position in accounting is defined and their duties in that position are provided. Mr. Skaggs recommended that the new Accounting Manuals and Internal Controls Policy be adopted as presented to the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Shewmake, to adopt the new Accounting Manuals and Internal Controls Policy for the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

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 21st day of June, 2017, the meeting was adjourned by the Vice President at 3:36 p.m.

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