

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 3rd day of October, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Glenn Benton, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Ms. Wanda Bennett, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Doug Rimmer. 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, Absent
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Fred Shewmake, Excused
Mr. Norman Craig	Mr. Jack Skaggs, Excused

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. Robin House, 1151 Highway 614, Haughton, LA, requested to address the police jury. **Motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to amend the agenda to add Ms. Robin House as Visitor No. 3.**

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. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

Mr. Ford requested that Mr. Mark Carter, Suddenlink, be added to the agenda as a visitor. **Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to amend the agenda to add Mr. Mark Carter, Suddenlink, as Visitor No. 4.**

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. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

Mr. Kenneth Starnes, Section 8 Housing, presented the Section 8 Housing Annual Agency Plan, and requested approval.

Mr. Darby requested an update on the voucher program. Mr. Starnes provided an update on the voucher program, as well as the number of applicants on the waiting list for the program.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the Section 8 Housing Annual Agency Plan, as presented.

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

Mr. Richard Dignam, 825 Princesa Drive, Haughton, LA, stated that residents of Princesa Drive located in Espanita Subdivision are experiencing flooding issues. He stated that in the last nine years, drainage on Princesa Drive has turned from clear water to red sandy water which has required the parish to clean the red sandy film left on the roads after flooding.

Mr. Dignam stated that on September 22, 2018, there was substantial rainfall which inundated Princesa Drive and the residents were unable to leave their homes. He requested that these drainage issues be addressed by the police jury and resolved.

Mr. Ford stated that there are a number of issues in and around Espanita Subdivision. He stated that Ivey's Building Materials Center located north of the subdivision drains through Espanita Subdivision. He further stated that Ivey's plans to continue developing, and a new drainage study has been requested prior to any additional development being allowed. Mr. Ford stated that it is believed that the majority of the silt affecting Espanita Subdivision is from Ivey's drainage.

Mr. Ford stated that Ivey's was required to install a double layer of silt fence across their property on the downstream side to assist with drainage issues. He stated that there is a dedicated drainage easement that begins at Ivey's and runs through Espanita Subdivision that has washed out and the parish has installed silt fencing in the ditch.

Mr. Ford stated that drainage in this area is unique, and efforts are being made to address the drainage issues in Espanita Subdivision. He stated that there is no dedicated easement for the ditch located behind Mr. Dignam's home and the parish cannot access the ditch to make any improvements. He further stated that he will meet with Mr. Dignam to discuss an easement dedication for the ditch.

Mr. Ford stated that there are plans to address drainage issues in Espanita Subdivision next year. He stated that Ivey's has submitted proposed drainage plans for review. It was determined that drainage issues in Espanita Subdivision did not exist until the development of Ivey's. Mr. Ford stated that Ivey's is working with the parish to resolve the drainage issues.

Ms. Rosilind Scott, 820 Princesa Drive, stated that she has submitted photos and videos of the drainage issues near her home to the police jury, and stated that the drainage issues are continually getting worse each year. She further stated that the water draining on Princesa Drive is a rapid flow of water which makes it extremely difficult to exit their homes and leaves logs, large limbs and debris in the roadway and ditches.

Mr. Benton stated that a plan to concrete the ditch next year is being considered which should alleviate the drainage issues in Espanita Subdivision.

Mr. Cochran asked why there are metal grates on the roadways in Espanita Subdivision. Ms. Scott stated that streets in Espanita Subdivision were resurfaced, but the existing roadway was not removed which has created issues with the roads in the subdivision where the metal grates are located. She stated that residents of Espanita Subdivision have to clean out the metal grates.

Mr. Ford stated that he will review possible ways to address issues with the metal grates. There was additional discussion pertaining to metal grates on roadways in Espanita Subdivision.

Mr. Benton stated that Mr. Ford will be reviewing the issues with metal grates and drainage in Espanita Subdivision.

Ms. Robin House, 1151 Highway 614, Haughton, LA, stated that she and her husband have been residents of Bossier Parish for 32 years and own a local family business. She stated that they have been serving the community for 34 years in the Haughton area.

Ms. House stated that she is requesting that the police jury address certain issues for the safety and wellbeing of her and her husband, and residents of Bossier Parish. She stated that the CATO Institute states that the American founders understood clearly that private property is the foundation, not only of prosperity, but freedom itself. She further stated that the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States provides that the citizens have the right to free speech, religion, the right to assemble peaceably, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. Ms. House stated that she is here today to request assistance from the police jury.

Ms. House stated that she has lived at 1151 Highway 614 for 22 years, and during that time and currently, she has dealt and is dealing with the following issues:

1. trash and building debris being dumped on her property;
2. adjoining landowners discharging effluent onto her property;
3. trespassers placing deer stands and riding four-wheelers on her property, and fishing in her private pond;
4. wildlife being poached; and
6. firearms being discharged near her home.

Ms. House stated that homes are being built on two of the three lots along the west property line adjoining her property, and the north property line adjoining additional property she owns at 1249 Highway 614, Haughton, LA.

Ms. House stated that equipment and vehicles which are being used to construct a home to the south of her property on Highway 614 are being parked on her property. She stated that the southern most lot has been excavated, but no retention or retaining wall has been placed at the property line. She further stated that piles of dirt are being left on the lots, which has changed the natural drainage.

Ms. House stated that the construction company is throwing trash on both of her properties. She stated that a water line for one of the new homes was placed on her property and the water meters are not in the proper place for the homes, but the developer has agreed to relocate the water line.

Mr. Benton stated that some of the issues that Ms. House has presented are civil issues, and the police jury cannot address those matters. He stated that the developers have certain requirements that must be met when developing property and the applicable information will be provided to the building code inspector for further review. Mr. Jackson stated that Ms. House will need to contact the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office with any issues pertaining to trespassing.

Ms. House stated that in September of 2018, sewerage treatment plants were installed for the new homes and the developer originally planned to discharge sewerage into the woods on the west side of her property line. She stated that the lot owner requested that the developer not discharge sewerage into the woods on someone else's property. She provided additional information on incidents of sewerage being discharged onto her property.

Mr. Benton stated that all sewerage plants must be inspected by the health department, and if there is any unlawful discharge of sewerage, it will be addressed by the health department.

Ms. House presented additional information and requested the police jury to contact the developer and require him to change the drainage and elevation on her west property line to her satisfaction and as closely as practicable to the original drainage and elevation. She further requested that the developer install a six-foot privacy fence along the adjoining properties in order to define property lines, prevent trash from being dumped onto her property, and discourage trespassers from accessing her property.

Mr. Benton stated that the building code inspector and Mr. Ford will review any issues pertaining to drainage in this area. Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury does not have the ability to force someone to install a privacy fence.

Mr. Mark Carter, Suddenlink, was present. Mr. Ford stated that the police jury has been working with Mr. Carter for the last two years to relocate utilities on Swan Lake Road for State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North-South Corridor Swan Lake Rd (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, Louisiana. He stated that some utilities were relocated in May of 2018, and the contractor for the project has stated that the project is being delayed due to relocation of utilities not being complete.

Mr. Carter stated that a tentative completion date for relocation of utilities is October 19, 2018. Mr. Jackson expressed appreciation to Mr. Carter for coming before the police jury and providing a tentative completion date. He requested that if there are any unexpected delays, Mr. Ford be contacted immediately.

Mr. Ford recommended that the bid of Budd's Construction of Haughton, LLC, in the amount of \$24,100.00, be accepted for the Bevely Lake Drive Project No. 2018-539. This is the only bid received. Mr. Ford requested that approval of this bid be subject to approval by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to award the bid for the Bevely Lake Drive Project No. 2018-539, in the amount of \$24,100.00, to Budd's Construction of Haughton, LLC, low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on September 20, 2018, subject to approval by the Governor's Office Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Budd's Construction of Haughton, LLC	\$24,100.00

Mr. Ford recommended that the low bid of Benton and Brown, LLC, in the amount of \$137,300.00, be accepted for the Atkins Clark Road Project No. 2018-540. Mr. Ford requested that approval of this bid be subject to approval by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Craig, to award the bid for the Atkins Clark Road Project No. 2018-540, in the amount of \$137,300.00, to Benton and Brown, LLC, low bidder meeting bid specifications in accordance with bids received on September 20, 2018, subject to approval by the Governor's Office Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.** Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
Specialty Trackhoe & Dozer Services, Inc.	\$161,780.00
Benton and Brown, LLC	\$137,300.00

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Craig, to authorize the advertising for bids for the demolition of homes located at 219 Shadow Ridge Drive, Bossier City, LA, and 222 Whispering Pines Drive, Haughton, LA, which have been approved by Hazard Mitigation Grant Program FEMA-4263-DR-LA, Project #0007, bid date to be determined.

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

Ms. Hauser requested that Agenda Item No. 4 be corrected to read as follows:

4. Authorize the advertising for bids for demolition of a home located at 637 Pine Cone Drive, Haughton, LA, Project No. 2018-552, bid date to be determined.

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Craig, to authorize the advertising for bids for the demolition of a home located at 637 Pine Cone Drive, Haughton, LA, Project No. 2018-552, bid date to be determined.

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 Buckhorn Ridge Subdivision, located in Section 18, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA. This matter was tabled on September 19, 2018.

Mr. Travis Beaty, developer, was present. Ms. Robin House, 1151 Highway 614, Haughton, LA, stated that she was not notified of the development of Buckhorn Ridge Subdivision. She stated that she contacted the Bossier-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission and verified that she should have received a notice of the public hearings that were held at the Bossier City-Parish MPC for this development. She further stated that the Bossier City-Parish MPC advised that the owner/developer of a subdivision is required to submit to the Bossier City-Parish MPC a list of all property owners adjacent to a proposed development for notification.

Ms. House stated that Mr. Beaty has stated that her name and address were inadvertently left off the notification list. She expressed concern that there appears to be no process in place which verifies that a list provided from the owner/developer includes all adjoining property owners to a proposed development. She stated that she does not object to the development of Buckhorn Ridge Subdivision, but feels that lists of property owners should be verified to ensure that all adjoining landowners are properly notified in the future.

Mr. Jackson asked if the applicant for Buckhorn Ridge Subdivision submitted a list of property owners which did not include Ms. House. Mr. Marsiglia stated that Ms. House was not included on the property owner list provided by the owner/developer in this matter. Mr. Jackson stated that the police jury can remand the proposed plat back to the Bossier City-Parish MPC to allow for proper notification to all property owners.

Ms. House stated that she does not object to the proposed development and is not requesting that the matter be remanded back to the Bossier City-Parish MPC. She stated that she is only requesting that in the future, the MPC and police jury ensure that all adjoining property owners for a proposed development have been properly notified.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that the burden falls on the applicant to provide the MPC with a list of all property owners adjacent to the proposed property being developed, and occasionally, a property owner is inadvertently left off the list. He stated that the MPC is required by law to notify all adjoining property owners of a property being developed into a subdivision, and required to notify all property owners within 300 feet of a property being considered for a zoning amendment.

Mr. Marsiglia stated that an amendment to the Unified Development Code is being considered and will be submitted in the near future to the police jury for consideration to increase the notification range for plats to 300 feet to coincide with zoning amendment notification requirements. He stated that signs are placed on properties for zoning amendments, and it may be prudent to begin placing signs on properties being developed into subdivisions as an additional notification for the public of proposed developments.

Mr. Benton recommended that an aerial from the Bossier Parish Assessor's Office showing all adjacent property owners of a development be provided by the owner/developer. Mr. Marsiglia stated that some applicants do provide an

aerial from the Assessor’s Office which shows all adjacent property owners. He stated that MPC staff could check each property owner list provided by the owner/developer for accuracy, but it would require additional time which would make the application approval process longer. He further stated that the Bossier Parish Assessor’s information is not always up to date.

Mr. Benton recommended that notification procedures for platting and zoning amendments be turned over to the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee for further review. He requested that a Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee meeting be scheduled prior to the October 17, 2018, police jury meeting.

Ms. House stated that she does not object to the development of Buckhorn Ridge Subdivision.

Mr. Ford stated that all previous drainage concerns have been resolved and recommended approval. Mr. Beaty stated that a 1,700 square foot minimum will be required for the homes. Mr. Ford stated that sidewalks will not be required due to the size of the lots.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Buckhorn Ridge Subdivision, located in Section 18, Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of McLemore Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3, being a resubdivision of Lot 1, McLemore Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Darrell McLemore, property owner, was present. Mr. Ford stated that several years ago the police jury approved McLemore Plantation Subdivision located at the end of Myers Road. He stated that Mr. McLemore is requesting to resubdivide Lot 1, McLemore Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 2, into two lots. He further stated that Mr. McLemore will be required to construct a road for public access to the proposed Lot 2, McLemore Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3.

Mr. Ford stated that detention is not required due to the size of the lots, and recommended approval. He stated that a one-half hammerhead will be located at the end of the public access road for traffic to easily turn around.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Craig, to approve the plat of the proposed development of McLemore Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 3, being a resubdivision of Lot 1, McLemore Plantation Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Tandem Plaza Subdivision, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

No one was present. Mr. Ford stated that a portion of the tract of land is located in the floodway and the property owner is requesting to subdivide this tract of land for financing and tax purposes. He stated that no additional driveway will be allowed from Airline Drive to access the tract of land located in the back of the property, and it will be necessary for the existing driveway to be used for access.

Mr. Ford stated that any plans to develop on the proposed Lot 2 will require approval from the Bossier City-Parish MPC and police jury.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Tandem Plaza Subdivision, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried with the following vote:**

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Reeder Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, being a resubdivision of Lots 15, 16, and 17, Reeder Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 4, Township 16 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Ms. Sandra Davis was present on behalf of Ms. Kala Newton and Mr. Dean Branch. She stated that Mr. Branch is purchasing a portion of Ms. Newton’s property in Reeder Subdivision.

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Branch has been maintaining a portion of Ms. Newton’s property for some time, and wishes to purchase that portion from Ms. Newton. He stated that Mr. Branch and Ms. Newton have been unable to obtain all signatures of property owners in Reeder Subdivision, and are requesting that lot lines be adjusted to show an increase to Mr. Branch’s property and a decrease to Ms. Newton’s property. Mr. Ford stated that it is understood that no structure will be permitted on the portion of property that Mr. Branch is purchasing from Ms. Newton. He stated that this request does not increase or decrease the number of lots in Reeder Subdivision, but is an adjustment to lot lines only.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Reeder Subdivision, Unit No. 1-A, being a resubdivision of Lots 15, 16, and 17, Reeder Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 4, Township 16 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

The President called for public comment. Mr. Rimmer asked if approval had been obtained from all property owners in Reeder Subdivision. Mr. Branch presented a petition signed by all property owners in Reeder Subdivision.

Votes were cast and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to schedule a public hearing on November 7, 2018, to consider approval of the application of Ryan Estess, Raley & Associates, Inc., to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being a portion of Lot 5 and a portion of Lot 6, Williams Subdivision, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-MD, Residential, Medium Density District, for an apartment complex.

The President called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

Mr. Doug Rimmer, Chairman of the Insurance Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee. Committee members attending the Insurance Committee meeting were Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Benton and Mr. Shewmake. Ms. Julie Gill, Mr. Jason Weinland, Mr. Jim Firth, Mr. Ford, Ms. Lisa Wilson, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Pat Culverhouse, and Mr. Mark Coutee were present. Other jurors present were Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Craig and Mr. Avery.

Mr. Rimmer stated that Mr. Weinland, Jweinland Group Benefits, provided the Insurance Committee with an update on the self-insured insurance plan. He further stated that Mr. Weinland provided proposals for the overall insurance plan for employees and retirees for consideration. Mr. Rimmer stated that a recommendation will be made by the Insurance Committee in the very near future.

Mr. Rimmer requested that an Insurance Committee meeting be scheduled prior to the October 17, 2018, police jury meeting.

Mr. Bob Brotherton, Chairman of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee, reported on a meeting of that committee. Committee members attending the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee meeting were Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Benton, Mr. Plummer, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Avery and Mr. Craig. Mr. Darby, Ms. Gill, Ms. Jamie Monceaux, Mr. Coutee, Mr. Culverhouse, Mr. Altimus, and Mr. Marsiglia were also present.

Mr. Brotherton stated that the committee discussed drainage issues throughout Bossier Parish and the need for easements in various subdivisions in order for the parish to access areas that need drainage improvements. He stated that the committee will continue to discuss necessary steps to obtain the needed easements for drainage improvements.

Mr. Ford stated that an amendment to the contract with CB&I Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., now APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., for consulting services to assist Bossier Parish Police Jury with disaster and recovery services for the March 2016 flood event has been received for additional design work. He stated that the Swan Lake Road crossing at Poole Road recently had to be closed due to failure of the crossing during a recent rain event. Mr. Ford stated that the parish replaced a timber bridge with tank cars on Swan Lake Road as a temporary measure, but it collapsed during the 2016 flood event.

Mr. Ford stated that an agreement has been reached with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to repair the structure on Swan Lake Road, and it has been determined that replacement of the bridge will be the most cost effective action. He stated that the need for immediate action to design the bridge has been discussed, and it has been recommended that APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., begin bridge design for the Swan Lake Road bridge at Poole Road.

Mr. Ford recommended that the police jury authorize APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., to begin design work for the bridge on Swan Lake Road at Poole Road, and recommended that Item No. 16 on the agenda be approved. Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton to approve the recommendation of the Road/Subdivision Regulations Committee to authorize APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., to begin design work for the bridge on Swan Lake Road at Poole Road. The police jury concurred.

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to adopt an ordinance to officially post certain bridge structures in Bossier Parish in connection with the Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

The President called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Rimmer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

ORDINANCE NO. 4698

AN ORDINANCE TO OFFICIALLY POST CERTAIN BRIDGE STRUCTURES LOCATED ALONG THE PARISH TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, STATE OF LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury is responsible for health, safety and welfare of the public utilizing the parish transportation system in Bossier Parish, and the bridge structures located on these transportation routes; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury, in order to provide advance information regarding the bridge structures located on its parish transportation routes, has structurally rated and posted certain bridges, as required by federal, state and local laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that the bridge structures listed below by structure number and location are hereby officially posted by signing to provide sufficient advance notice to the motoring public as to the load carrying capabilities of each structure:

<u>Structure</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Load Posting (T)</u>
PO832225933301	Smith Road, Red Chute Bayou	25-40
PO832351933431	Winfield Road, Connell Branch	25-40
PO832339934091	Swan Lake Road, Willow Chute Bayou	10-15
PO832459932961	Whittington Road, Bodcau Trib	15-25
PO832465933301	Sheppard Road, Trib Bodcau Bayou	5
PO832523934411	Old Plain Dealing Hwy, Collinsburg Creek	15-25
PO832526934161	Antrim Road, Lil Cypress Creek	25-40
PO833010934591	McCance Road, Posten Bayou	15-25
PO832544934211	Palmetto Street, Trib Lil Cypress Bayou	25-40
PO832541934191	S. Perrin Street, Lil Cypress Bayou	25-40
PO832542934221	Arkansas Street, Lil Cypress Bayou	3
PO832187933071	Atkins Clark Road, Flat River Ditch	15-25
PO832590933871	Leila Road, Boggs Creek	15-25

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

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. It was duly adopted on this 3rd day of October, 2018, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Rimmer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Darby, to adopt the Annual Certification of Compliance with the State of Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried with the following vote:**

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

RESOLUTION

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the code of Federal Regulation, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Bossier Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Bossier Parish.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing authority of Bossier Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as DOTD) that for the period October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the Louisiana DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana state law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.

3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.

4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

This resolution was considered section by section and as a whole. Upon motion by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Darby, and vote, it was duly adopted on this 3rd day of October, 2018, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

RACHEL D. HAUSER

PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Rimmer stated that a petition has been signed by approximately 700 citizens and members of the horse racing community/industry in North Louisiana, as well as the Bossier Parish Racing Commissioner and Louisiana Downs' ownership/management, requesting the Louisiana State Racing Commission to reaffirm their denial of any transfer of purse from Delta Downs to Evangeline Downs. He stated that Senator Barrow Peacock, as well as Representative Dodie Horton, are in support of this petition.

Mr. Rimmer stated that there will be an overlap in horse racing events for Louisiana Downs and Evangeline Downs next year, and any transfer of purse from Delta Downs to Evangeline Downs could be financially detrimental to Louisiana Downs. He stated that there is a Bill that allows the request for transfer of purse, but the Legislature was under the impression that this particular request for transfer of purse would not be detrimental to any other race tracks. He further stated that the minutes from the Legislature meeting on this matter affirms that they were misinformed on the effect of this transfer to other race tracks.

Mr. Rimmer stated that Delta Downs and Evangeline Downs have co-ownership.

Mr. Kenneth Weaver, resident of Bossier Parish, stated that he represents horsemen from Louisiana Downs. He stated that a law has been passed to allow requests for transfer of gambling funds from one race track to another race track. He further stated that the gambling funds are earned and created by horsemen through racing, slot machines and video poker in the tracks.

Mr. Weaver stated that Representative Horton attended a meeting at Louisiana Downs where this matter was discussed, but the Louisiana Downs representative from the Horseman's Benevolent Association misrepresented to her that the Bossier Parish Racing Commission and Louisiana Downs' owners and management were in favor of this transfer of purse. He stated that support of this transfer was also misrepresented to Senator Peacock. Mr. Weaver stated that this Bill passed with no opposition because North Louisiana did not have a voice in this matter.

Mr. Weaver provided additional information regarding transfer of purse in Louisiana race tracks. He stated that if approved, this transfer of purse will be detrimental to Louisiana Downs and will have a negative economic impact in the Shreveport/Bossier area.

Mr. Rimmer requested that if approved, the resolution be provided to Caddo, Webster, and Desoto Parishes for consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to adopt a resolution supporting the Louisiana State Racing Commission's decision on August 27, 2018, to deny approval of any Transfer of Purse from Delta Downs to Evangeline Downs.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried with the following vote:**

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Louisiana State Racing Commission has a “Request for Reconsideration of the Commission’s August 27, 2018, decision ‘to not approve’ the transfer of slot purse funds from Delta Downs to be paid out at Evangeline Downs’ 2019 Thoroughbred Meet” on its Agenda for October 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS Louisiana Downs would be severely disadvantaged by such actions inflating the purses offered at Evangeline Downs, especially during the weeks that Racing Meet dates overlap with those of Louisiana Downs; and

WHEREAS a petition signed by approximately 700 citizens and members of the horse racing community/industry in North Louisiana, as well as Louisiana Downs ownership/management, has requested such funds transfer not be approved due to its adverse effect on racing in Bossier Parish and North Louisiana; and

WHEREAS the Bossier Parish Racing Commissioner, Mike R. McHalfey, and local Legislators have strongly requested that such funds transfer not be approved;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does formerly request that the Louisiana State Racing Commission doth Reaffirm its Decision ‘to not approve’ the above referenced funds transfer and, in doing so, continue to maintain a fair program to encourage and permit development of the business of horse racing across the entire State of Louisiana. Louisiana Downs must be allowed the ability to compete and provide quality horse races with adequate purses and not be disadvantaged by the actions of other race tracks in our state.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 3rd day of October, 2018, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
 RACHEL D. HAUSER
 PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
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Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Craig, to approve a Letter Lease with Mr. Dozier Vogel for the leasing of parish owned property located at 265 Hurricane Bluff, Elm Grove, LA, Tax Assessment No. 119651, and to authorize execution of documents, subject to review by the Parish Attorney.

The President called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 3rd day of October, 2018, that it does hereby authorize William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, to execute on its behalf, a Letter Lease with Mr. Dozier Vogel for the leasing of parish owned property located at 265 Hurricane Bluff, Elm Grove, LA, Tax Assessment No. 119651.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Craig. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 3rd day of October, 2018, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
 RACHEL D. HAUSER
 PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
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Motion was made by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract with CB&I Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., now APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., to increase the contract amount to \$1,400,000.00, and to approve an amendment to the Rate Schedule, with said amendments being retroactive, for consulting services to assist Bossier Parish Police Jury with disaster and recovery services for the March 2016 flood event, and to authorize the execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 3rd day of October, 2018, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Amendment No. 2 to the contract with CB&I Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., now APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., to increase the contract amount to \$1,400,000.00, and to approve an amendment to the Rate Schedule, with said amendments being retroactive, for consulting services to assist Bossier Parish Police Jury with disaster and recovery services for the March 2016 flood event.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 3rd day of October, 2018, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
 RACHEL D. HAUSER
 PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT
 BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve a Short Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services from Owen and White, Inc., in the amount of \$9,955.00, for the North Bossier Shared Use Trail, No Rise Certification/Culvert Size, and to authorize the execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried with the following vote:**

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 3rd day of October, 2018, that William Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Glenn Benton, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, a Short Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services from Owen and White, Inc., in the amount of \$9,955.00, for the North Bossier Shared Use Trail, No Rise Certification/Culvert Size.

The resolution was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 3rd day of October, 2018, with the following vote recorded:

AYES: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Craig, Mr. Darby, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Mr. Avery, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Shewmake, Mr. Skaggs
 RACHEL D. HAUSER
 PARISH SECRETARY

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Mr. Altimus provided an update on the Barksdale Air Force Base Access and Improvements for the Interchange of Interstates 20 and 220, State Project No. H.003370, project.

Mr. Altimus reported that a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., for the opening of the last segment of I-49 at I-220. He provided an update on the continuation of I-49 to I-20 in Shreveport.

There was a brief discussion pertaining to construction of I-69. Mr. Altimus stated that a Joint Transportation Letter is submitted every year from the City of Bossier City, Parish of Bossier, and the Department of Transportation and Development to the Members of the Joint Legislature Committee On Transportation prioritizing several projects of interest to Bossier Parish, which includes support for the I-69 project.

Mr. Altimus reported that Mayor Lo Walker has been selected as Louisiana Tech's Alumni of the Year.

Mr. Altimus stated that a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for November 4, 2018, for Louisiana Tech's classrooms on the 4th floor of the Bossier Parish Community College's STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) building. He stated that he will provide the jurors with the time of the ribbon cutting ceremony at a later date.

Mr. Altimus reported that Dr. Loren C. Scott, Professor Emeritus of Economics at Louisiana State University, recently presented his annual "Louisiana Economic Outlook: 2019-2020" (L.E.O).

Officer Russell Craig, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit, requested prayers for Captain Steve Robinson, prior Troop G Commander, Louisiana State Police. He stated that Captain Cordell Williams has been appointed as the new Commander for Troup G, and Lieutenant Michael Mayeux has been promoted to Executive Officer (XO) for Troup G.

Mr. Altimus stated that a ceremony is scheduled on November 5, 2018, to dedicate and name a wing at Bossier Parish Community College after Coach Billy Wayne Montgomery.

Mr. Ford stated that a Pre-Bid Conference was held today for the new Northeast Bossier Parish Fire District No. 5 fire station. He stated that bids will be taken on October 12, 2018. He stated that the estimated budget for the project is \$900,000.00 to \$1 million.

Mr. Ford reported that a Pre-Paving Conference was held this week for the Commerce Drive Extension – Phase 3, Project No. 2018-524 project.

Mr. Ford reported that the Bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) to modify the Pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program that would allow applicants to request the use of binding arbitration by a panel to resolve disputes arising under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, with said language being retroactive to the 2016 flood events has passed, and will be presented to President Trump for final approval.

Mr. Ford stated that an item will be placed on the October 17, 2018, agenda to authorize the advertisement for bids for a new water well and raw water line located in Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, for Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, FY 2014-2015 Community Water Enrichment Fund, CWEF No. 1415-CWEF-BSR-0001, and FY 2015-2016 Community Water Enrichment Fund, CWEF No. 1516-CWEF-BSR-0001.

Mr. Ford provided a report on the Louisiana Parish Engineers and Supervisors Association Fall Convention held at Margaritaville Resort Casino on September 26 and 27, 2018. He stated that the convention was well attended.

Mr. Ford presented photographs from a drone flyover of State Project No. H.003854.6-R1 Bossier North-South Corridor Swan Lake Rd (I-220 to Flat River) Bossier Parish, Louisiana. He stated that a progress meeting was recently held with Best Yet Builders, LLC, on this project.

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

Mr. Jackson stated that the trial for the lawsuit against Bridon Builders, LLC, Woodhaven Homeowners Association, Inc., and Kenneth Brian Camp, is scheduled tomorrow in the 26th Judicial District Court. He stated that the parish will be asking the court to force Mr. Camp through the power of contempt to make the required repairs to the drainage pond.

Mr. Jackson also stated that hearings will be held tomorrow in the 26th Judicial District Court for failure to pay sewerage bills.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 3rd day of October, 2018, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:37 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
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