

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
MINUTES  
March 6, 2019  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Doug Rimmer, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Glenn Benton, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Jack Skaggs. The Parish Secretary, Ms. Rachel Hauser, called the roll, with all members present, as follows:

Mr. Rick Avery, Excused	Mr. Jerome Darby
Ms. Wanda Bennett	Mr. Mac Plummer
Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Mr. Tom Salzer
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Fred Shewmake, Excused
Mr. Norman Craig	Mr. Jack Skaggs

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

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Ms. Michelle Hughes, DeSoto Parish Police Jury/OCS Weatherization Coordinator, stated that the Parish of Bossier has been awarded funds in the amount of approximately \$117,000.00 through the Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program for low income residents. She stated that she represents ten parishes for the Weatherization Assistance Program, including the Parish of Bossier.

Ms. Hughes stated that the funds will allow for 14 homes to be weatherized for low income residents in the Parish of Bossier, and requested assistance from the parish by providing applications to the public to apply for their home to be weatherized at no cost to the homeowner. She stated that the home is audited by their department to determine what the needs are of the home to become energy efficient.

Ms. Bennett asked if the funds were available to senior citizens as well. Ms. Hughes stated that in order to qualify for the funds, the resident of the home must meet the low income qualifications and will then be placed on a waiting list for the home to be inspected. Ms. Hughes stated that priority is given to the elderly, disabled, and homes with children.

Ms. Hughes stated that the work is done by in-house staff and, if needed, the work is contracted out. She stated that the remaining available funds will weatherize approximately seven or eight homes in the Parish of Bossier, and requested the parish's assistance in providing the applications and information to the public.

Mr. Darby asked if the residents of the home must own the home. Ms. Hughes stated that qualifications are based on the income of the resident living in the home, which can be rental homes as well with permission from the landlord.

Mr. Darby asked how many homes will qualify for this program in the year 2020. Ms. Hughes stated that the number of homes vary from year to year and can be located anywhere in the parish. She stated that the average cost spent on a home is approximately \$8,400.00. She further stated that the fiscal year for the program is from July to June, and the funds must be spent by the end of June or the Parish of Bossier will lose those funds as they do not roll over.

Mr. Brotherton asked if the funds can be used to replace a roof. Ms. Hughes stated that the funds cannot be used to replace a roof, but can be used to patch a roof. She stated that the normal use of the funds include air sealing, improving ventilation, and adding insulation, as well as additional improvements for health and safety.

Appreciation was extended to Ms. Hughes for the information pertaining to available funds to the Parish of Bossier for this program for low income citizens.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to accept the proposal of Magnolia Title Services, LLC, to assist the Bossier Parish Police Jury with real estate settlement services for the purchase of the following twelve homes for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA-1792-DR-LA, Project #0031, and to authorize execution of documents:**

1. 210 Whispering Pine Drive, Haughton, LA
2. 225 Shadow Ridge Drive, Bossier City, LA
3. 214 Whispering Pine Drive, Haughton, LA
4. 631 Pine Cone Drive, Haughton, LA
5. 633 Pine Cone Drive, Haughton, LA
6. 635 Pine Cone Drive, Haughton, LA
7. 308 Cane Bend Drive, Haughton, LA
8. 825 Welch Drive, Haughton, LA
9. 211 Whispering Pine Drive, Haughton, LA
10. 124 Sistrunk Lane, Bossier City, LA
11. 1851 Wafer Road, Haughton, LA
12. 3418 Gary Rex Circle, Haughton, LA

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:
First Commerce Title, Inc.	\$38,973.95
Magnolia Title Services, LLC	\$24,273.40
Wiener, Weiss & Madison	\$62,691.90

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Doug Rimmer, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on

behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents or contracts in connection with the proposal of Magnolia Title Services, LLC, to assist the Bossier Parish Police Jury with real estate settlement services for the purchase of the following twelve homes for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA-1792-DR-LA, Project #0031:

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The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT  
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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Bodcau Park Subdivision, Unit No. 3, being a resubdivision of Lots 1-5 and Lots 9-13, Bodcau Park Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Ms. Laura Hollowoa, property owner, was present. Mr. Sam Marsiglia, Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, stated that Ms. Hollowoa is requesting to combine Lots 1-5 and 9-13 of the existing Bodcau Park Subdivision, Unit No. 2, into three lots. He stated that the proposed Lot 3 is not a buildable lot.

After further discussion, and there being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Bodcau Park Subdivision, Unit No. 3, being a resubdivision of Lots 1-5 and Lots 9-13, Bodcau Park Subdivision, Unit No. 2, located in Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the Harold Moffett Estate Partition, located in Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

No one was present. Mr. Ford stated that this is heir property, and approval to partition the property into 7 tracts is requested. He stated that the plat provides for an access right-of-way to allow access to all proposed tracts of land, with the understanding that no building permits will be issued until such time as a road has been built to meet parish standards.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the plat of the Harold Moffett Estate Partition, located in Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA, subject to a hold being placed on all building permits until such time as a road to access all tracts of land has been constructed to meet parish standards.**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the Minor Plat for Frances Mikesell, located in Section 18, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, and Section 13, Township 21 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Ford stated that the property owner is requesting to subdivide a larger tract of land into three tracts to allow homes to be built for the property owner's children. He stated that access to the tracts of land will be from Old Plain Dealing Road. He further stated that individual sewerage treatment plants are planned, and water will be provided by the Consolidate Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the Minor Plat for Frances Mikesell, located in Section 18, Township 21 North, Range 13 West, and Section 13, Township 21 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider abandonment of a 60-foot public servitude-of-way for future development of Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit Nos. 20, 21 and 22, located in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., requested approval of abandonment of a 60-foot public servitude-of-way which will allow additional construction of homes in Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit Nos. 20, 21 and 22. Mr. Benton stated that the existing water line located in the 60-foot public servitude-of-way will be relocated by the developer.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to abandon a 60-foot public servitude-of-way for future development of Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit Nos. 20, 21 and 22, located in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4713

AN ORDINANCE TO OFFICIALLY ABANDON A 60-FOOT PUBLIC SERVITUDE-OF-WAY FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF DOGWOOD SOUTH SUBDIVISION, UNIT NOS. 20, 21 AND 22, LOCATED IN SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, that it does hereby abandon a 60-foot public servitude-of-way for future development of Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit Nos. 20, 21 and 22, located in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 20, located in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Micha Duffy, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that the proposed development is a continuation of the existing units of Dogwood South Subdivision. Mr. Duffy stated that soil borings were completed yesterday and the results will be submitted to the Parish Engineer upon receipt. He further stated that the handicapped ramps have been demoed as requested by the Parish Engineer.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 20, located in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the Minor Plat for Casey Miller, located in Section 25, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Casey Miller, property owner, requested approval to subdivide a four-acre tract of land from a larger tract for the purpose of selling. Mr. Ford stated that the purpose of this request is to allow an existing property owner to increase the size of his tract of land. He stated that the tract of land is a low area and is not a buildable tract.

Mr. Ford stated that the proposed plat has been approved by the Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission and recommended approval.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the Minor Plat for Casey Miller, located in Section 25, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

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Honorable Judge Jeff Thompson stated that a Special Election is scheduled in Bossier and Webster Parishes on March 30, 2019. He stated that early voting will be from March 16<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Bossier Parish Courthouse and the early voting site located at the Bossier Parish Library History Center, 2206 Beckett Street, Bossier City, LA 71111.

Judge Thompson invited all to attend his campaign event for Judge, Court of Appeal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, today at Silver Star Smokehouse, 1201 Dixie Overland Road, Bossier City, LA 71111, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Lakewood Subdivision, Unit No. 10, located in Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that the proposed development will consist of one lot. He stated that water and sewer will be provided by the City of Bossier City.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Lakewood Subdivision, Unit No. 10, 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.**

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**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to approve a one year extension for the Fiscal Agent and Depository Bank Contract with First Guaranty Bank contained in accepted proposal on March 15, 2017, and to authorize the execution of documents.**

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Doug Rimmer, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents in connection with a one year extension for the Fiscal Agent and Depository Bank Contract with First Guaranty Bank contained in accepted proposal on March 15, 2017.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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Mr. Joe Buffington, Parish Treasurer, provided additional information on the issuance of and approving the forms of certain documents in connection with the issuance of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue and Refunding Bonds (Bossier Parish Public Improvement Projects) Series

2019 to be issued on behalf of the Parish of Bossier for the purpose of financing capital projects and refunding certain maturities of the \$8,000,000 Bossier Parish (Sales Tax Refunding Bonds), Series 2016B.

Mr. Buffington stated that it is the recommendation of the Parish Administration and Mr. Shaun Toups, Government Consultants, Inc., to proceed with the private placement of revenue bonds with Regions Bank for financing of the \$20.5 million for capital projects. He stated that the interest rate will be 3.25 percent, and the bank offering versus the market offering is the overall best option for the parish financially.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to accept the recommendation of the Parish Administrator and Parish Treasurer to proceed with the private placement of revenue bonds with Regions Bank for financing of the \$20.5 million for capital projects.**

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

Mr. Buffington reported on a conference call that was recently held with S&P Global pertaining to a review of the Parish of Bossier's credit rating. He stated that the Parish of Bossier's AA- credit rating has been affirmed.

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Ms. Shelby Irby, Administrative Accounting Assistant, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier, stated that the current accounting system being used for the sewer district is not sufficient for the increasing number of sewer district accounts. She stated that she recommends use of J M Smith Corporation d/b/a QS/1 Data Systems and J M Smith Corporation d/b/a PUBLIQ for printing, inserting and posting of utility bills and utility billing software.

Ms. Irby provided additional information pertaining to the current software being used, and how the new software will be beneficial to the sewer district. There was extensive discussion regarding billing and collection practices of the sewer district.

Mr. Ford reported that the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier's office located on Whitehurst Drive will be closing, and the office will be moving to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Bossier Parish Courthouse within the next two weeks.

Mr. Ford stated that if the police jury approves the new software program, a report will be provided to the police jury after approximately three months of use of the software. Mr. Darby requested that the public be made aware of the change in provider for their billing statements. Mr. Benton requested that the public also be made aware of the change in office location. Mr. Ford stated that notification will be sent to sewer district customers providing them with changes in provider for billing statements and relocation of the sewer district office.

After further discussion, it was recommended that Agenda Item Nos. 11 and 12 be combined in one motion. **Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Craig, to approve a Services Agreement between Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier and J M Smith Corporation d/b/a QS/1 Data Systems for printing, inserting and posting of utility bills, and approve an Agreement between the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier and J M Smith Corporation d/b/a PUBLIQ Software for utility billing software, and to authorize the execution of documents.**

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Doug Rimmer, President, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, any and all documents or contracts in connection with a Services Agreement between Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier and J M Smith Corporation d/b/a QS/1 Data Systems for printing, inserting and posting of utility bills, and an Agreement between the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier and J M Smith Corporation d/b/a PUBLIQ Software for utility billing software.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Craig. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to approve the application of Mr. Steven Deckard and Mr. Jason Reiser for renewal of a 2019 Bossier Parish beer/liquor license at Dollar General #19502, 4415 Highway 157, Elm Grove, LA. The application has been approved by the Sheriff's Department and the Health Department.**

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

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**Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 22- April 26, 2019, as National Community Development Week.** The President called for public comment. There being none, **votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of April 22 – 26, 2019, has been designated as National Community Development Week. The Bossier Parish Police Jury has been a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in this community; and

WHEREAS, in this community and communities throughout the nation, forty-five years of Community Development Block Grant Program funding has developed a strong relationship between this local government and its residents, principally those of low-to-moderate income; and

WHEREAS, this community recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership of federal, state, and local government and community and business efforts, and that the services funded by the CDBG Program relies heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that during National Community Development Week 2019, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods and their low- and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this community, along with the service providers and others whose names are appended to this resolution, hereby petition the U.S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program, and of its vital importance to the community and to the people who live in its lower income neighborhoods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government and that this community's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, The Bossier Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22 – 26, 2019, as

NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in the Parish of Bossier and urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program and the important role it plays in our community.

The proclamation was offered by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Craig, to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming the month of April, 2019, as Fair Housing Month in Bossier Parish.**

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the departments and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the option of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, The Bossier Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2019, as  
FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the Parish of Bossier, and do hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter of spirit of the Fair Housing Law, and ask the citizens of this Parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

The proclamation was offered by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Craig. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Ms. Bennett, to adopt an ordinance establishing a leash law in Willow Lake Subdivision, and to provide the required signage.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4714

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-3, OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE CARE AND KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND PROHIBITING THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS IN WILLOW LAKE SUBDIVISION, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY that Chapter 14, Section 14-3, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to include WILLOW LAKE SUBDIVISION, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Ms. Bennett. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to accept the proposal of Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., in the amount of \$141,080.00 for engineering and surveying services for the Swan Lake Road Re-alignment over Flat River Bridge project, and to authorize the execution of documents, subject to finalization of the proposed land swap and review and approval by the Parish Attorney.**

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

RESOLUTION

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The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Cochran. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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Mr. Cochran requested clarification pertaining to a recent news broadcast regarding construction on the south side of Interstate 220 at Swan Lake Road. Mr. Ford stated that the City of Bossier City recently approved to spend \$1.5 million at the Interstate 220 and Swan Lake Road Interchange. He stated that a meeting was recently held with the City of Bossier City and Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development regarding new construction of a church and school at the southeast corner of the interchange, and several improvements will need to be made at the interchange for safety reasons.

Mr. Ford provided additional information pertaining to future improvements at the Interstate 220 and Swan Lake Road Interchange.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to accept the proposal of Neel-Schaffer, Inc., in the amount of \$30,000.00 for professional services for a traffic study for the proposed extension of Remco Drive, and to authorize the execution of documents.**

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

RESOLUTION

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The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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Mr. Altimus expressed appreciation on behalf of the police jury and citizens of Bossier Parish to Ms. Stephanie McKenzie, Northwest Regional Director for Senator Bill Cassidy’s Office, and the National Delegation for their assistance in securing a 90-day extension with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for submission of additional documents in support of an appeal by the police jury in regards to the recent denial by FEMA for funding for flood damaged paved roads in Bossier Parish.

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Mr. Altimus stated that the Red River Valley Association recently released a Press Release providing information on the preliminary study identifying potential benefits being greater than the cost to extend navigation on the Red River into southwest Arkansas. He stated that a potential lock and dam is being considered between Benton, LA, and Blanchard, LA, and an additional lock and dam near Fulton, AR.

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Mr. Altimus presented a letter of appreciation from Bossier Parish Sheriff Julian Whittington for the police jury recognizing the need and agreeing to fund the security upgrades for the Maximum Security Facility.

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Mr. Altimus reported on the NACo Legislative Conference he recently attended in Washington, D.C. He stated that one of the major concerns discussed is the lack of broadband available to the public. He presented a free app called Testit, and encouraged the public to download and use the app anywhere they may go. Mr. Altimus stated that the app will provide the broadband speed at your location to NACo, and will help better determine the lack of broadband availability. He stated that no personal information is provided when using the app.

Mr. Altimus stated that NACo will collect all data provided by the app and present a report to Congress showing the actual availability of broadband to the public.

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Mr. Ford reported on issues with road construction in the parish. He stated that the parish has been using two inches of asphalt over the base for streets, but it has been determined that two inches of asphalt is not sufficient for residential streets. He stated that not only is the damage a result of heavy traffic, but the water table has been rising since the year 2015 which is also contributing to street damages.

Mr. Ford recommended that the parish no longer use soil cement as a base for streets in certain areas, and recommended the use of stone as a base. He stated that the parish will continue to use concrete as a base in some areas.

Mr. Ford stated that proposed amendments have been made to Chapter 110 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinance, “Subdivisions”, for review and consideration at a meeting scheduled tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. with developers and engineers in Bossier Parish. He stated that comments and suggestions will be taken during the meeting pertaining to the proposed amendments to Chapter 110, and a public hearing will be scheduled in the near future for consideration of the proposed amendments.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on Community Water Enrichment Funds and Louisiana Government Assistance Funds.

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Mr. Ford stated that the Parish Engineer’s Office received three plats after the deadline for items to be placed on the agenda requesting that public hearings be scheduled for the April 3, 2019, police jury meeting. He stated that in the future, if plats are not received in a timely manner for review by the Parish Engineer’s Office, he will not request for the agenda to be amended to request public hearings, and the plats will be required to be placed on the next available agenda to schedule public hearings.

After further discussion, Mr. Ford requested that the agenda be amended to schedule public hearings on April 3, 2019, to:

- 1) consider approval of the proposed development of Holland Subdivision, located in Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 12 West;
- 2) consider approval of the proposed development of Dry Cypress South Subdivision, located in Sections 23 and 26, Township 20 North, Range 12 West; and
- 3) consider approval of the proposed development of Dry Cypress North Subdivision, located in Sections 23, Township 20 North, Range 12 West.

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

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

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

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Mr. Plummer requested an update on drainage improvements in Lucky Estates Subdivision. Mr. Ford stated that the 2009 flood event impacted southern Bossier Parish, and water is moving from Red Chute Bayou to Flat River through Lucky Estates Subdivision. He stated that in 2009 a study was done and submitted for a Statewide Flood Control Project, but the parish’s application was subsequently denied. Mr. Ford stated that several homes flooded in Lucky Estates Subdivision during the 2016 flood event, and the study from 2009 was submitted to FEMA requesting Hazard Mitigation Funds for assistance with drainage improvements in Lucky Estates Subdivision. He stated that FEMA approved the parish’s request for Hazard Mitigation Funds for Lucky Estates Subdivision with FEMA paying 75 percent of the costs, and the parish being responsible for the remaining 25 percent of the costs.

Mr. Ford provided additional information pertaining to Lucky Estates Subdivision drainage improvements. Mr. Plummer stated that the proposed drainage improvements will improve drainage issues for the entire Sligo Road area.

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Mr. Mark Coutee, Public Works Director, presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish. He reported that work has begun to remove dirt from around the failed structure at Swan Lake Road off Poole Road, and a fence is being erected to prevent the public from accessing the closed crossing.

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Mr. Ford provided an update on improvements to the Sligo Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou.

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Mr. Brotherton extended congratulations to Mr. Jackson for being named one of the top attorneys for 2019 in the Shreveport/Bossier Area in the SB Magazine.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:13 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
 PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT  
 BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY