

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY  
BENTON, LOUISIANA  
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June 17, 2020  
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jimmy Cochran, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Tom Salzer, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Philip Rodgers. Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary, called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Chris Marsiglia
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Mr. Mac Plummer
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Jerome Darby	Mr. Philip Rodgers
Mr. Charles Gray	Mr. Tom Salzer
Mr. John Ed Jordan	Mr. Jack Skaggs

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

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Mr. Scott Alexander was present and requested an update on his previous request for a committee to be formed to address the lack of broadband service in the Benton area and throughout Bossier Parish. He stated that Bossier Parish citizens are requesting that the police jury be the voice for the citizens regarding the need of reliable broadband service in the Benton area and throughout Bossier Parish.

Mr. Alexander stated that a Facebook page has been created for concerned citizens to express their needs of reliable broadband access. He stated that currently there are approximately 460 members on the Facebook page.

Mr. Cochran stated that Agenda Item No. 8 will be addressing the creation of a Broadband Study Committee.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to award the bid for Project No. 2020-101, Glendale Lane Street Improvements (Phase II), in the amount of \$172,072.00 to CW&W Contractors, Inc., low bidder meeting bid specification in accordance with bids received on June 10, 2020, and to authorize the execution of documents.** Engineer's estimated budget for the project is \$169,000.00.

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:
CW&W Contractors, Inc.	\$172,072.00
Cross Keys Construction Company, LLC	\$173,461.00

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, that it does hereby award the bid for Project No. 2020-101, Glendale Lane Street Improvements (Phase II), in the amount of \$172,072.00 to CW&W Contractors, Inc., low bidder meeting bid specification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Jimmy Cochran, President, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to same.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider abandonment of a portion of a public right-of-way in Princeton Subdivision, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Benton, to abandon a portion of a public right-of-way in Princeton Subdivision, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4771

AN ORDINANCE TO OFFICIALLY ABANDON A PORTION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN PRINCETON SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, that it does hereby abandon a portion of a public right-of-way in Princeton Subdivision, located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the Destrehan Boulevard Drainage Improvements Plan for a drainage servitude along LA Highway 3, near Destrehan Boulevard and outfall drainage into Plantation Estates Subdivision, located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Jeff Raley, Raley and Associates, Inc., was present representing Mr. Jarrell Festervan, property owner of the property located north of Destrehan Boulevard. He stated that the natural flow for drainage in this area has always been from west to east, and the land located on the west side of LA Highway 3 flows east beneath LA Highway 3 and east to Willow Chute Bayou across from Plantation Estates Subdivision. He further stated that in 1979 when the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development made improvements to LA Highway 3, they purchased a

drainage right-of-way in order to direct the east flowing drainage across Mr. Festervan's property north of Destrehan Boulevard to tie-in the drainage to the natural drain.

Mr. Raley presented maps showing the original natural drainage path and where DOTD tied-in to the natural drain. He stated that development of Plantation Estates Subdivision changed the flow of the natural drain. He further stated that in approximately 2000, Smith Engineering, Inc., took over design and platting of Plantation Estates Subdivision. Mr. Raley stated that the design plans for Plantation Estates Subdivision showed Teche Drive being extended to LA Highway 3.

Mr. Raley presented a map showing a low area which is DOTD's drainage ditch that drains LA Highway 3 to the east. He stated that Smith Engineering, Inc.'s, design plans include DOTD's drainage ditch which is located in a street right-of-way that extends from LA Highway 3 to two 42-inch pipes and back along the north side of Teche Drive east through Plantation Estates Subdivision which is the natural drainage flow.

Mr. Raley stated that when it rains, the water pools on the property north of Destrehan Boulevard due to the boulevard blocking the drainage. He stated that in 2015 he contacted Mr. Ford to discuss the drainage issues on this property. He further stated that it was determined that the best possible path for the drainage would be in the ditch along LA Highway 3 north beneath Lafitte Lane and tie-in to Willow Chute Bayou.

Mr. Raley stated that plans were created and presented to DOTD, but they denied the proposed new drainage improvements plan for Destrehan Boulevard. He stated that DOTD will not allow for the natural drainage flow to be changed. He further stated that several attempts were made to address the drainage issues at Destrehan Boulevard, but there has been no resolution to date.

Mr. Raley stated that after several discussions, DOTD advised that they would agree to allow a 30-inch drainage pipe from LA Highway 3 to run through DOTD's drainage right-of-way beneath Destrehan Boulevard to the north side of Destrehan Boulevard in order to direct drainage to the east back through Plantation Estates Subdivision. He stated that currently there are two 42-inch pipes beneath LA Highway 3. Mr. Raley stated that DOTD decided that they did not want to move forward with this drainage plan, and stated that an open ditch that meets DOTD requirements would need to be dug in their right-of-way from LA Highway 3 down the southside of Destrehan Boulevard.

Mr. Raley stated that the first culvert the drainage reaches in Plantation Estates Subdivision is a 30-inch culvert beneath a driveway and no additional water can go through the ditch with a 30-inch culvert. He stated that after several attempts to address drainage issues in this area, DOTD finally agreed to a drainage plan but would not allow the natural drainage to be changed in any way.

Mr. Benton asked where the water goes once it reaches Lafitte Lane from Destrehan Boulevard. There was further discussion regarding the direction of the drainage and sizes of existing culverts in Plantation Estates Subdivision.

Mr. Skaggs stated that a study has been done in this area for the drainage issues and asked for the cost associated with drainage improvements. Mr. Raley stated that based on the previous drainage study, the cost for improvements is approximately \$500,000.00 to replace all culverts.

There was additional discussion pertaining to drainage in Plantation Estates Subdivision. Mr. Raley stated that attempts are being made to assist Mr. Festervan with the severe flooding issues on his property. He stated that a drainage study has been done for this area and has been provided to the Bossier Parish Engineering Department.

Mr. Richard Ray, 214 Teche Drive, Bossier City, LA, stated that his home was built in 2005. He stated that water drains from Mr. Festervan's field down the north side of Teche Drive through the subdivision to Willow Chute Bayou. He further stated that this water floods the backyards of several homes in Plantation Estates Subdivision. Mr. Ray stated that flooding occurs with a moderate rain event. He presented photos of previous flooding on his property. He stated that this has been an ongoing issue for many years. Mr. Ray stated that it is his understanding that the cost to fix the drainage in this area is approximately \$800,000.00.

Mr. Ray stated that he keeps sandbags on hand for any rain event due to his property flooding. He stated that the culverts have sunken and water does not flow freely through the culverts causing flooding near his home.

Mr. Ray requested that the police jury deny the proposed Destrehan Boulevard Drainage Improvement Plan as presented. He requested that the drainage be redirected away from Plantation Estates Subdivision.

Mr. Skaggs stated that he has been involved with conversations about drainage issues in this area for approximately six to seven years, and stated that when a rain event occurs, residents in Plantation Estates Subdivision contact him and provide him with photographs of the flooding on their properties. He stated that it is his understanding that when Mr. Festervan purchased the tract of land north of Destrehan Boulevard, he was told at that time that the tract of land held water and did not drain well.

Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Festervan was advised that the tract of land held water and did not drain properly prior to him purchasing the tract of land. Mr. Skaggs stated that Plantation Estates Subdivision cannot handle any additional drainage.

Mr. Marsiglia asked if the culverts that Mr. Ray has referred to as being sunken and not draining correctly are parish owned or privately owned culverts. Mr. Ray stated that he is unsure who owns the culverts. Mr. Marsiglia asked if anyone has attempted to clean the culverts out. Mr. Ray stated that it is his understanding that the cost to clean the culverts is approximately \$800,000.00.

Mr. Marsiglia asked if the Levee Board has been contacted about dredging the main drainage ditch in the subdivision to assist with the flow of water.

Mr. Charles and Ms. Pat Jones, 254 Lafitte Lane, Bossier City, LA, were present. Mr. Jones stated that he purchased the home in 2015 and presented photos of flooding on his property and surrounding properties. He stated that the photos represent three different flood events.

Ms. Jones stated that a drainage project was completed in June of 2019 and presented photos of flooding after the drainage project was complete. Mr. Jones stated that he is unsure if dredging Willow Chute Bayou would prevent flooding in Plantation Estates Subdivision. He provided the jury with additional information as to the flow of the drainage in the subdivision. There was additional discussion pertaining to the photos presented by Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

Mr. Farris Baughman, 215 Teche Drive, Bossier City, LA, stated that there are substantial drainage issues in Plantation Estates Subdivision, especially along Teche Drive. He stated that the parish dredged the ditches along the southside of Teche Drive in April of 2016 which assisted with some drainage, but the northside of Teche Drive was

never dredged. He further stated that the flow of water has improved somewhat on the southside from the ditches being dredged.

Mr. Baughman asked if underground culverts would assist with the flow of additional water through Plantation Estates Subdivision. Mr. Skaggs stated that underground culverts have been considered, but the cost would be approximately \$500,000.00 to \$800,000.00.

Mr. Bob Lewis, 116 Teche Drive, Bossier City, LA, stated that he forwarded photographs to the police jurors yesterday which shows flooding on his property. He presented photographs of flooding of his property and surrounding properties from a rain event. He stated that the homeowner of the home located across from him keeps sandbags on hand to place around his home during a rain event whether it is a light or heavy rain event. Mr. Lewis stated that his neighbor also had to put risers on his septic tank to raise the pump due to constant flooding.

Mr. Lewis stated that he has relocated his fence due to the constant flooding on his property. He stated that last year four large culverts were installed beneath Lafitte Lane and drainage from St. Charles Court and Lafitte Lane flows to a single culvert on Audubon Road where water begins backing up onto properties.

Mr. Ford requested copies of all photographs presented today and stated that elevations will need to be obtained to determine how high the water is in these areas.

Mr. Skaggs stated that based on his earlier comments and the testimony of the residents today, he recommends that the request for approval of the Destrehan Boulevard Drainage Improvement Plan be denied.

**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Benton, to deny the request for approval of the Destrehan Boulevard Drainage Improvements Plan for a drainage servitude along LA Highway 3, near Destrehan Boulevard and outfall drainage into Plantation Estates Subdivision, located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

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

**AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer, Mr. Skaggs**  
**NAYS: Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

Mr. Raley requested that the police jury determine if there are any grant funds that could be used to correct the drainage issues in this area. Mr. Benton recommended that Owen & White, Inc., conduct a drainage study to determine how to address the drainage issues in this area that would meet with DOTD's guidelines and assist the residents in Plantation Estates Subdivision.

Mr. Ford stated that this area is in a flood zone and the high water table is creating havoc with flooding throughout the parish due to water not soaking into the ground. He stated that correcting the drainage in this area will be difficult, and it is possible that if there is any additional development which causes water to flow into Plantation Estates Subdivision, it may be necessary to go to a 100-year detention. Mr. Ford stated that in 2005, the police jury approved a 25-year detention to detain water in an effort to slow drainage into Willow Chute Bayou to prevent flooding.

Mr. Ford stated that in 2005, a study was performed to determine if dredging Willow Chute Bayou would assist with drainage. He stated that it was determined that dredging Willow Chute Bayou from Flat River to Benton would not resolve the drainage issues in this area. Mr. Ford stated that the parish's drainage ordinance will need to be reviewed and recommended that Owen and White, Inc., conduct a study to make a determination if the parish needs to amend the drainage ordinance from a 25-year detention to a 100-year detention in the northern section of Bossier Parish.

Mr. Ford stated that he will present all photographs to Owen and White, Inc., and request a study to determine what needs to be done to improve drainage in Plantation Estates Subdivision and on Mr. Festervan's property. Mr. Cochran recommended that Willow Chute Bayou be dredged again to try and provide some relief to the residents whose properties are flooding.

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider establishing a 45 mile per hour speed limit on Martin Road, located in Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, Township 21 North, Range 12 West, and Sections 6, 7 and 8, Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

There being no objection, **motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve establishing a 45 mile per hour speed limit on Martin Road, located in Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, Township 21 North, Range 12 West, and Sections 6, 7 and 8, Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

The President called for public comment. Mr. Joey Guice, 131 Martin Road, Plain Dealing, LA, stated that currently there is no posted speed limit on Martin Road. He stated that vehicles travel on Martin Road at a high rate of speed creating a danger for his children and his wife who walks on Martin Road.

**Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4772

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES ON MARTIN ROAD, LOCATED IN SECTIONS 1, 2, 3 AND 4, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, AND SECTIONS 6, 7 AND 8, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, that from and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a vehicle upon Martin Road, located in Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, Township 21 North, Range 12 West, and Sections 6, 7 and 8, Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, LA, in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour.

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

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Myers Road Estates Subdivision, located in Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Mr. Charlie Coyle, Coyle Engineering Co., Inc., stated that there is an existing home located on the proposed Lot 1. He stated that the proposed Lot 2 is a vacant lot located on the northern side of the Jessie Jones Ditch. He stated that the current property owner is selling the property and wishes to sell the property as two separate lots.

Mr. Hudson stated that he recommends approval with the understanding that language will need to be included in the deed stating that no mobile homes will be allowed on the proposed Lot 2. Mr. Coyle stated that the requested language is included in the buy/sell agreement.

**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Myers Road Estates Subdivision, located in Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, with the understanding that language will need to be included in the deed stating that no mobile homes will be allowed on Lot 2.**

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. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to schedule a public hearing on July 15, 2020, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Myrick Acres Subdivision, partition of a 12.140 acre tract of land located in Section 17, 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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Mr. Salzer reported on a meeting of the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 Board of Appeals. Mr. Salzer, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Rodgers, Ms. Shelby Irby, Ms. Julie Gill, and Ms. Jessica Aldridge were present at this hearing.

Mr. Salzer reported that Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 Board of Appeals discussed 33 delinquent accounts with 15 of the delinquent account holders paying prior to today's hearing, 8 delinquent account holders were placed on a payment plan, and 10 disconnect orders were issued. He stated that Ms. Irby and Ms. Gill are working to create policies for the police jury to consider that provides rules and regulations for payment plans, disconnects, fees, as well as other policies for sewer and water service by the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier.

Mr. Salzer stated that the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 Board of Appeals discussed the following delinquent accounts:

Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Mr. Joe McLaurin at 649 Alder Lane, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Mr. McLaurin has a past due balance of \$495.14, with the last payment being made on June 4, 2020, in the amount of \$100.00. She stated that Mr. McLaurin has made no effort to establish a payment arrangement and recommends that the sewer service be disconnected.

Mr. Jackson asked if the \$100.00 payment was received after a demand letter was sent to Mr. McLaurin. Ms. Gill stated that letters were sent to Mr. McLaurin on March 19, 2020, April 17, 2020, and June 5, 2020. She stated that an additional letter was sent to Mr. McLaurin advising him of today's hearing. She further stated that previous letters sent to Mr. McLaurin requested that he contact the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 billing department to schedule a payment arrangement.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to disconnect sewer service at 649 Alder Lane, Bossier City, LA, resulting in the home being condemned and uninhabitable, unless payment of \$495.14 is received within 10 days. The customer will be responsible for any fees associated with the reconnection of sewer service. Sewer service will be disconnected on or about June 29, 2020.**

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

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Ms. Laura Ardoin at 819 Dumaine Drive, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Ms. Ardoin has a past due balance of \$483.00, with the last payment being made on June 9, 2020, in the amount of \$20.00. She stated that Ms. Ardoin has made no effort to establish a payment arrangement and recommends that the sewer service be disconnected.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to disconnect sewer service at 819 Dumaine Drive, Bossier City, LA, resulting in the home being condemned and uninhabitable, unless payment of \$483.00 is received within 10 days. The customer will be responsible for any fees associated with the reconnection of sewer service. Sewer service will be disconnected on or about June 29, 2020.**

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

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Mr. Micah Gautreaux at 211 Glendale Lane, Haughton, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Mr. Gautreaux has agreed to a payment arrangement of \$89.00 per month to be applied to the past due balance of \$534.97 in addition to the average monthly payment. No action was taken.

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Ms. Peggy Ann Foster at 5191 Timothy Trail, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Ms. Foster has a past due balance of \$465.46, with the last payment being made on September 17, 2019, after legal proceedings were brought

against Ms. Foster and a Judgment rendered against her for the delinquent account on September 12, 2019, in the 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court.

Ms. Irby stated that Ms. Foster has made no effort to establish a payment arrangement and recommends that the sewer service be disconnected. After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to disconnect sewer service at 5191 Timothy Trail, Bossier City, LA, resulting in the home being condemned and uninhabitable, unless payment of \$465.46 is received within 10 days. The customer will be responsible for any fees associated with the reconnection of sewer service. Sewer service will be disconnected on or about June 29, 2020.**

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

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Ms. Margaret Mutnansky at 2332 Haymeadow Drive, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Ms. Mutnansky has a past due balance of \$444.83 and has never made a payment on this account. She stated that Ms. Mutnansky agreed to a payment arrangement of \$50.00 per month which would be the total amount to be applied to the past due amount of \$444.83 and the monthly average amount of \$32.00 to \$35.00 per month.

Ms. Irby stated that Ms. Mutnansky has made no payment to date and recommends that the sewer service be disconnected.

Ms. Gill stated that the property at 2332 Haymeadow Drive, Bossier City, LA, is rental property, and the property owner, Ed Jackson Properties, has been notified of the delinquent account.

**Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to disconnect sewer service at 2332 Haymeadow Drive, Bossier City, LA, resulting in the home being condemned and uninhabitable, unless payment of \$444.83 is received within 10 days. The customer will be responsible for any fees associated with the reconnection of sewer service. Sewer service will be disconnected on or about June 29, 2020.**

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

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Mr. Salzer expressed concern with rental properties and the cost incurred upon the property owner when a tenant does not pay their sewer service bills. Mr. Jackson stated that property owners can be encouraged to open the sewer accounts in their name and include the cost of the sewer service in the amount of the monthly rent. It was recommended that an additional letter be sent to property owners who own rental properties encouraging them to keep the sewer service utility in their name and include the cost in the monthly rental amount to prevent sewer service from being disconnected.

There was additional discussion pertaining to the above recommendation.

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for F&B Alternative Investment at 725 Smokehouse Loop, Benton, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. She stated that the last payment received by F&B Alternative Investment was on November 7, 2019, and a past due amount of \$446.75 is owed. She further stated that F&B Alternative Investment has made no effort to establish a payment arrangement and recommends that the sewer service be disconnected.

**Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to disconnect sewer service at 725 Smokehouse Loop, Benton, LA, resulting in the home being condemned and uninhabitable, unless payment of \$446.75 is received within 10 days. The customer will be responsible for any fees associated with the reconnection of sewer service. Sewer service will be disconnected on or about June 29, 2020.**

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

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Mr. Darin Jones at 226 Apalachee Way, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Ms. Clara Jones made a payment in the amount of \$180.00 prior to today's hearing and agreed to pay the remainder of the past due amount of \$264.17 on July 1, 2020. No action was taken.

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Mr. Jason Jetton at 319 Tanyard Trace, Benton, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that the last payment received by Mr. Jetton was on March 31, 2020, in the amount of \$361.00, and a past due amount of \$515.05 is owed. She further stated that Mr. Jetton has made no effort to establish a payment arrangement and recommends that the sewer service be disconnected.

**Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to disconnect sewer service at 319 Tanyard Trace, Benton, LA, resulting in the home being condemned and uninhabitable, unless payment of \$515.05 is received within 10 days. The customer will be responsible for any fees associated with the reconnection of sewer service. Sewer service will be disconnected on or about June 29, 2020.**

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

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Mr. John Bishop at 426 Tupelo Drive, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Mr. Bishop was previously scheduled for a hearing before the Board of Appeals on October 29, 2019, but paid his past due amount in full prior to that hearing.

Ms. Irby stated that no additional payment has been received by Mr. Bishop on his account since October 29, 2019, and a past due amount of \$425.25 is owed. She further stated that Mr. Bishop has made no effort to establish a payment arrangement and recommends that the sewer service be disconnected.

**Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to disconnect sewer service at 426 Tupleo Drive, Bossier City, LA, resulting in the home being condemned and uninhabitable, unless payment of \$425.25 is received within 10 days. The customer will be responsible for any fees associated with the reconnection of sewer service. Sewer service will be disconnected on or about June 29, 2020.**

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

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Mr. Herbert McCauley at 701 Highway 160, Benton, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Mr. McCauley is receiving water service only from Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1. She stated that the last payment received from Mr. McCauley was on November 8, 2019, and a past due amount of \$396.99 is owed. She further stated that Mr. McCauley has made no effort to establish a payment arrangement and recommends that the water service be cut off.

**Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to cut off water service at 701 Highway 160, Benton, LA, unless payment of \$396.99 is received within 10 days. The customer will be responsible for any fees associated with the reconnection of water service. Water service will be cut off on or about June 29, 2020.**

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

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Ms. Regan Turner at 5211 Clover Lane, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Ms. Turner has never made a payment on this account, and a past due amount of \$367.50 is owed. She further stated that Ms. Turner has made no effort to establish a payment arrangement and recommends that the sewer service be disconnected.

**Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to disconnect sewer service at 5211 Clover Lane, Bossier City, LA, resulting in the home being condemned and uninhabitable, unless payment of \$367.50 is received within 10 days. The customer will be responsible for any fees associated with the reconnection of sewer service. Sewer service will be disconnected on or about June 29, 2020.**

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

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Ms. Tatyana Porter at 1012 Maize Street, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Ms. Porter made a payment in the amount of \$100.00 this morning towards her past due amount of \$269.88. She stated that Ms. Porter has agreed to a payment arrangement in the amount of \$100.00 per month until the past due amount is paid in full in addition to the average monthly payment. No action was taken.

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Ms. Sherry Bunnery at 5238 John Wilson Drive, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Ms. Bunnery has requested a payment arrangement in order to pay off the past due amount of \$451.75. She stated that Ms. Bunnery has agreed to a payment arrangement in the amount of \$98.00 per month until the past due amount is paid in full in addition to the average monthly payment. No action was taken.

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Ms. Aretha Johnson at 600 Bitter Pecan Drive, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Ms. Johnson has requested a payment arrangement in order to pay off the past due amount of \$542.25. She stated that Ms. Johnson has agreed to a payment arrangement in the amount of \$60.00 per week until the past due amount is paid in full in addition to the average monthly payment. No action was taken.

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Ms. Britney Choate at 502 Chinquipin Drive, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Ms. Choate has requested a payment arrangement in order to pay off the past due amount of \$211.81. She stated that Ms. Choate has agreed to a payment arrangement in the amount of \$62.00 per month until the past due amount is paid in full in addition to the average monthly payment. No action was taken.

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Ms. Miesha Mims at 778 Hackberry Drive, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Ms. Mims has requested a payment arrangement in order to pay off the past due amount of \$444.00. She stated that Ms. Mims has agreed to a payment arrangement in the amount of \$120.00 per month until the past due amount is paid in full in addition to the average monthly payment. No action was taken.

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Ms. Angie L. Darnell at 671 Dumaine Drive, Bossier City, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Ms. Darnell has requested a payment arrangement in order to pay off the past due amount of \$228.50. She stated that Ms. Darnell has agreed to a payment arrangement in the amount of \$38.00 per month until the past due amount is paid in full in addition to the average monthly payment. No action was taken.

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bonner at 221 Mill Creek Lane, Houghton, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Mr. and Mrs. Bonner have a past due balance of \$1,265.06, with the last payment being made on November 3, 2019. She stated that at the June 3, 2020, Board of Appeals hearing, the board agreed to a payment arrangement with Mr. and Mrs. Bonner in the amount of \$100.00 per month to be applied to the past due amount in addition to the average monthly payment. Ms. Irby stated that Mr. and Mrs. Bonner have not complied with the agreed upon payment arrangement and recommends that the sewer service be disconnected.

**Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to disconnect sewer service at 221 Mill Creek Lane, Haughton, LA, resulting in the home being condemned and uninhabitable, unless payment of \$1,265.06 is received within 10 days. The customer will be responsible for any fees associated with the reconnection of sewer service. Sewer service will be disconnected on or about June 29, 2020.**

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

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Mr. Tony Hampton at 212 Glendale Lane, Haughton, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that Mr. Hampton has a past due balance of \$552.00, with the last payment being made on June 15, 2020, in the amount of \$552.00.

Mr. Salzer recommended that a letter be sent to Mr. Tony Hampton at 212 Glendale Lane, Haughton, LA, stating that due to his recent payment in the amount of \$552.00 on June 15, 2020, towards his past due amount, it is requested that a payment arrangement be made immediately in order to bring his account current. No action was taken.

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Ms. Irby provided the board with information for Ms. Adrian Stemple at 312 Blue Fox Circle, Haughton, LA. No one was present on behalf of the customer to discuss this matter. Ms. Irby stated that the last payment received by Ms. Stemple was September 11, 2019, and a past due balance of \$695.96 is owed. She stated that at the June 3, 2020, Board of Appeals hearing, the board recommended disconnection of sewer service at 312 Blue Fox Circle, Haughton, LA, resulting in the home being condemned and uninhabitable, unless payment of \$695.96 is received within 10 days. She stated that a certified letter was sent to Ms. Stemple, but she has made no effort to establish a payment arrangement and recommends that the sewer service be disconnected. The customer will be responsible for any fees associated with the reconnection of sewer service. Sewer service will be disconnected immediately.

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Mr. Jackson requested that Mr. Larry Landry, Director of Public Utilities, Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1, provide the board with information regarding the process of disconnecting sewer service. Mr. Landry stated that once a disconnect order has been issued for sewer service, he makes arrangements with a contractor to meet at the property to dig up and cap off the sewer on both sides which is located in the parish right-of-way. He stated that the sewer lines are marked at that time so that the sewer lines can be easily found for reconnection.

Mr. Landry stated that a copy of the disconnect letter is left on the door of the home and the health unit is contacted and provided the address of the home.

Mr. Landry stated that on occasion when the sewer customer sees the equipment on site, they ask that they be allowed to make a payment immediately. He stated that he needs direction on this type of situation because the parish will be required to pay the contractor whether the sewer service is disconnected or not. Mr. Jackson stated that the parish would prefer that a customer pay the sewer bill so that the sewer service is not disconnected. He recommended that prior to the sewer service being disconnected, Mr. Landry contact Ms. Irby or Ms. Gill to ensure that no payment has been received and allow them time to make a last effort to contact the customer for payment.

Mr. Landry recommended that he be allowed to go to the home that the sewer disconnect order has been issued the evening before the sewer is to be disconnected and attempt to make contact with the customer to personally notify them that if payment is not received by the next morning, crews will be on site to disconnect the sewer service. Mr. Jackson stated that this request needs to be submitted to the police jury for consideration as a possible policy. He expressed concern for Mr. Landry's safety in going alone to these homes. He asked Mr. Landry to obtain the mobilization costs from the contractor.

Mr. Landry stated that there are several steps that must occur when disconnecting sewer and capping it off, as well as the need for qualified people to be present to ensure that it is being done correctly. Mr. Jackson requested that Mr. Landry create a proposed policy for sewer disconnection regulations and present it to the police jury for consideration. Ms. Irby recommended that a courtesy call be made to the customer the day before the order of disconnect is scheduled.

There was additional discussion pertaining to recommended policies for sewer disconnection.

Mr. Irby recommended that the City of Bossier City be contacted to request their assistance in cutting off Bossier City water customers' services when a customer has a delinquent sewer account with the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1. Mr. Jackson stated that the City of Bossier City has already denied assisting the parish in this manner.

Mr. Salzer recommended that proposed policies for sewer system service be drafted as soon as possible. Mr. Jackson asked that information be obtained for all non-profit organizations that are willing to assist people with paying their utilities so that information can be provided to any customers that are facing hard times and need assistance.

It was the consensus of the police jury to accept the recommendations of the Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Bossier Board of Appeals as stated above.

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Mr. Cochran stated that there has been concern over the lack of broadband service in rural Bossier Parish. He stated that a recommendation has been made that a Broadband Study Committee be created to address these concerns. He further stated that over the years, the police jury has researched this matter at length, but due to the increased demand of broadband service, a recommendation has been made that a Broadband Study Committee be created with Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Marsiglia and Mr. Jorden being appointed as the committee members, and Mr. Rodgers being appointed as Chairman. Mr. Cochran recommended that if there are any other police jurors who wish to serve on this committee contact Mr. Rodgers.

Mr. Cochran stated that any meetings held by the Broadband Study Committee will need to be publicized and open for the public to attend. Mr. Benton requested that Mr. William Altimus also be appointed to serve on this committee.

After further discussion, **motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to create a Broadband Study Committee with Mr. Rodgers being appointed as Chairman, and Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Jorden and Mr. Altimus being appointed to serve on said committee.**

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

Mr. Rodgers requested that a meeting for the Broadband Study Committee be scheduled for July 1, 2020, time to be determined.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to accept the resignation of Mr. John Whittington from the Benton Fire District No. 4 Board of Commissioners effective immediately.**

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. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to appoint Mr. Sammy Halphen to the Benton Fire District No. 4 Board of Commissioners to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. John Whittington, term to expire December 31, 2021.**

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. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 94, Article I, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances “Commercial Vehicle Enforcement” by amending Section 94-10(b)(9)c “Harvest Season or Natural Forest Products” to change the permitted gross weight from 86,600 pounds to 92,000 pounds, in accordance with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development guidelines.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4772

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94, ARTICLE I, OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES “COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT” BY AMENDING SECTION 94-10(b)(9)c “HARVEST SEASON OR NATURAL FOREST PRODUCTS” TO CHANGE THE PERMITTED GROSS WEIGHT FROM 86,600 POUNDS TO 92,000 POUNDS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 17th day of June, 2020, that Chapter 94, Article I, “Commercial Vehicle Enforcement”, of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article I, Section 94-10(b)(9)c is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Sec. 94-10. - Commercial vehicle enforcement.

(b) [Regulations.]

(9) Annual permits

c. *Harvest season or natural forest products. (\$10.00 per year) (No charge with valid LADOTD issued harvest season or natural forest products annual permit)* Upon application and payment of fees by the owner or operator of any vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting farm and forest products in their natural state, transporting seed cotton modules, transporting cotton seed from the gin to the mill, transporting brewers grain, the Bossier Parish Police Jury shall issue special harvest season permits for transportation of these farm and forest products in their natural state on Bossier Parish roadways for a total gross weight of 92,000 lbs. for any vehicle or combination of vehicles provided:

1. The total weight of any single axle shall not exceed 22,000 lbs.
2. The total gross weight of any tandem axle shall not exceed 40,000 lbs.

This is a calendar year permit, expiring each year on December 31.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Jorden. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of June, 2020.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to approve the renewal of a lease agreement with Benton Fire District No. 4 for the leasing of the old trash compactor site located off Old Plain Dealing Road for a twenty-year term, and to authorize the execution of any and all necessary documents.**

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 17th day of June, 2020, that it does hereby approve the renewal of a lease agreement with Benton Fire District No. 4 for the leasing of the old trash compactor site located off Old Plain Dealing Road for a twenty-year term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Jimmy Cochran, President, is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documents in connection to said lease.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17th day of June, 2020.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to accept the proposal of David W. Volentine, MAI, in the amount of \$11,700.00 for appraisal services for the necessary parcels, tracts, properties or**



**servitudes required for the Linton Road Realignment at Flat River project, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, that it does hereby accept the proposal of David W. Volentine, MAI, in the amount of \$11,700.00 for appraisal services for the necessary parcels, tracts, properties or servitudes required for the Linton Road Realignment at Flat River project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, or Jimmy Cochran, President, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said proposal.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to accept the proposal of Owen Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$13,500.00 for professional engineering services to conduct bridge studies and present recommendations for replacement for nine (9) bridge sites in Bossier Parish, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, that it does hereby accept the proposal of Owen Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$13,500.00 for professional engineering services to conduct bridge studies and present recommendations for replacement for nine (9) bridge sites in Bossier Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, Jimmy Cochran, President, or Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said proposal.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Salzer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the proposal of Forte & Tablada in the additional amount of \$21,685.00 for additional engineering services for the Johnson Koran Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou project, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, that it does hereby approve Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the proposal of Forte & Tablada in the additional amount of \$21,685.00 for additional engineering services for the Johnson Koran Road Bridge over Foxskin Bayou project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William R. Altimus, Parish Administrator, Jimmy Cochran, President, or Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Engineer, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Supplemental Agreement No. 2.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, to accept the streets and drainage for Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 16, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 4773**

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, has received a request from Cross Keys Construction, LLC, that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 16; and

WHEREAS, the said streets and drainage have been completed in accordance with the specifications of the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, a two-year maintenance bond has been executed in favor of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to guarantee against failure of said streets and drainage as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 110, Section 110-201 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of Cross Keys Construction, LLC, including labor and materials, for the above captioned streets and drainage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish maintenance system for continuous maintenance, streets and drainage located in Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 16, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

Tensas Drive – 0.144 miles

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this ordinance be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, together with the maintenance bond.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Skaggs. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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**Motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Benton, to accept the streets and drainage for Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 17, into the parish road system for permanent maintenance.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4774

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, has received a request from Cross Keys Construction, LLC, that the parish accept into its system for permanent maintenance, the streets and drainage in Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 17; and

WHEREAS, the said streets and drainage have been completed in accordance with the specifications of the Bossier Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, a two-year maintenance bond has been executed in favor of the Bossier Parish Police Jury to guarantee against failure of said streets and drainage as to material and workmanship as required by Chapter 110, Section 110-201 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury that it does accept the two-year maintenance bond of Cross Keys Construction, LLC, including labor and materials, for the above captioned streets and drainage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby accept into the parish maintenance system for continuous maintenance, streets and drainage located in Rosedale Place Subdivision, Unit No. 17, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

Quincy Drive – 0.173 miles

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this ordinance be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, together with the maintenance bond.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Benton. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

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Mr. Altimus stated that Ms. Ginger Adam Corley, Lobbyist, is closely monitoring bills being presented in the Legislative Session, including Capital Outlay. He stated that there are some bills being considered pertaining to broadband services, but there are no updates at this time. He stated that Governor John Bel Edwards vetoed Mizell's Senate Bill 406 which would have authorized electric cooperatives to allow broadband service providers access to their electric delivery system without the necessity of obtaining additional consent from the property owner who consented to the electric cooperative's servitude on which the electric delivery system is located.

Mr. Altimus stated that Mizell's original bill was amended which added language that ultimately caused the bill to be vetoed. He stated that Governor Edwards's veto letter stated the following: "In its final form, however, rather than expand access to broadband, which was Senator Mizell's intent, the bill prohibits an electric cooperative from providing broadband in serviced areas and at the same time requires an electric cooperative that provides broadband service in an unserved area to give other broadband service providers nondiscriminatory access to its electric delivery system."

Mr. Altimus stated that Mizell's original bill, SB 10, is currently being considered and is scheduled to be heard today or tomorrow. He stated that Mr. Jackson is researching broadband to determine what the parish is allowed to do in order to provide broadband service to the citizens of Bossier Parish. He further stated that as information becomes available, he will present it to the police jurors.

Mr. Jackson stated that the Police Jury Association closely monitors all bills that are presented to the legislature for consideration and takes certain positions on those bills. He provided additional information pertaining to the Criminal Court Fund and Tort Reform which is currently being considered. He stated that the Tort Reform being considered would reduce the jury threshold from \$50,000.00 to \$5,000.00 creating additional civil jury trials. He further stated that the local governments would be required to incur all additional costs for the civil jury trials, which is considered an unfunded mandate. Mr. Jackson stated that local governments are responsible for prisoner costs and several other expenses from the Criminal Court Fund and Bossier Parish always runs a deficit in that fund. He stated that funds are required from the General Fund to be used for the Criminal Court Fund to back the unfunded mandates, causing a strain on the General Fund. He further stated that if this proposed Tort Reform is approved, it will cause a strain on local governments.

Mr. Jackson stated that there will be certain bills that the police jury will oppose, and the police jurors will be provided with information pertaining to why the Police Jury Association and the police jury are opposing those bills.

There was additional discussion pertaining to bills being considered during the Legislative Session.

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Mr. Altimus stated that all departments are now open to the public except the Library system. He stated that it is anticipated that the Libraries will reopen later this month.

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Mr. Hudson reported that the section beneath I-220 and Swan Lake Road will be closed soon for the Swan Lake Road Realignment at Flat River project. He stated that a meeting is scheduled at the end of this week with first responders to discuss detour routes to ensure that response to emergencies is not affected. He further stated that throughout this closure, there will be different segments closed, as well as on/off ramps at I-220 and Swan Lake Road. Mr. Hudson stated that the closures of certain segments will be approximately 45 to 60 days. He stated that traffic will

still be able to travel on Swan Lake Road during this time except at night when the area of I-220 and Swan Lake Road may be closed. He stated that details of the closure will be provided after Friday's meeting.

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Mr. Hudson stated that a progress meeting was held on site at the Swan Lake Road Bridge at Poole Road. He provided an update on the project.

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Mr. Hudson provided an update on Project No. 2019-132, West Linton Road Extension to Fairburn Avenue project.

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Mr. Hudson provided an update on the Linton Road over Black Bayou project. He stated that a portion of Linton Road is currently closed, and it is anticipated that the road will reopen by the end of the week. He further stated that it will be necessary to close Linton Road in the future for Suddenlink to relocate their lines.

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Mr. Hudson provided an update on the FY 2018 LCDBG Sewer Improvements – Oak Hill Mobile Home Park and FY 2019 LCDBG Sewer Improvements – Merrywoods Subdivision projects.

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Mr. Hudson provided an update on Parish Camp and presented photographs of the new bathroom facilities, new water well tank and docks. He stated that the next phase will include a new parking lot.

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Mr. Hudson provided an update on the new water tank for Dogwood Subdivision. He stated that it is anticipated that the project should be complete by the end of the month.

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Mr. Hudson stated that in mid-July Swan Lake Road at Legacy Elementary School will be closed for the Swan Lake Road Realignment at Flat River project.

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Mr. Benton stated that a boil advisory was recently issued in Dogwood Subdivision due to AEP SWEPCO hitting a water line and expressed concern that the water line was an unchartered water line. Mr. Hudson stated that work is being done to locate all existing water lines.

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Mr. Ford stated that a new entrance is planned on Palmetto Road for Lost River Subdivision. He stated that the request is being reviewed to ensure that the new entrance will not affect drainage in this area.

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Mr. Ford introduced Mr. Sammy Monk who will be working as an intern in the Engineering Department during the summer. He stated that Mr. Monk is a 2020 Louisiana Tech graduate and is an industrial engineer.

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Mr. Rodgers requested that a study be done on Linton Road while the Linton Road bridge is closed for stripping and future improvements. Mr. Ford stated that Mr. Rodgers has requested stripping on Linton Cutoff Road and Linton Road prior to next year. He stated that plans have been made for parish crews to stripe the roadway, and a survey is planned to determine if improvements can be made on a curve located on Linton Cutoff Road.

Mr. Rodgers requested stripping on Crouch Road as well.

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Mr. Ford stated that stripping is planned for Sligo Road.

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Mr. Ford stated that plans for closure of I-220 and Swan Lake Road are for each on/off ramp to be closed for a certain length of time while improvements are made on Swan Lake Road. He stated that the public will be made aware of the closings and detours. He further stated that it is planned that traffic will continue on Swan Lake Road, but there may be delays.

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Mr. Ford presented a request from Mr. Jorden to abandon Sheppard Road. He stated that the property owner that owns the majority of land along Sheppard Road has submitted a request for the parish to abandon the road, including a 3 to 5-ton bridge located off Highway 157 on Sheppard Road. He stated that a request was received last year for the bridge to be replaced with a tank car, and the property owner was requested to participate in the cost to replace the bridge, but no agreement was ever reached.

Mr. Jackson stated that a 30-day public hearing will be required for an abandonment and all property owners located along Sheppard Road will need to be notified of the public hearing for abandonment of Sheppard Road.

Mr. Ford stated that an item will be placed on the July 1, 2020, agenda to schedule a public hearing for August 5, 2020, to consider abandonment of Sheppard Road.

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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.

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Mr. Warren Saucier, Parks and Recreation Director, presented an update on activities at parks throughout Bossier Parish. He stated that mowing has resumed at the parks due to good weather.

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Mr. Jackson introduced Mr. Lake Bradford who is interning at his private office.

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#### **Finance Committee Meeting – June 17, 2020, 1:30 p.m.**

The Finance Committee of the Bossier Parish Police Jury met on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, with all members present.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Benton, to approve payment of accounts payable invoices for the month of May, 2020.**

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

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The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

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There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:25 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER  
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT  
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY