

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
SPECIAL MEETING
June 14, 2021
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in special and legal session on the 14th day of June, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Jerome Darby, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Charles Gray, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Doug Rimmer. Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary, called the roll, with all members present as follows:

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

Ms. Hauser announced the purpose of the special meeting:

1. To call a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of Bossier Parish Police Juror District 5, and to make an interim appointment to fill said vacancy until such time as the election can be held.
2. To consider any other business that may come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special session.

Ms. Hauser announced that three candidates have submitted their resumes for consideration for the interim appointment to Bossier Parish Police Jury, District 5, to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Jack Skaggs.

Ms. Hauser stated that the first candidate is William C. Kostelka. Mr. Kostelka introduced himself and provided information pertaining to his education and professional history.

Questions were presented to Mr. Kostelka by the police jurors.

Appreciation was extended to Mr. Kostelka for his willingness to serve Bossier Parish.

Ms. Hauser stated that the second candidate is Ms. Julianna P. Parks. Ms. Parks introduced herself and provided information pertaining to her education and professional history.

Questions were presented to Ms. Parks by the police jurors.

Appreciation was extended to Ms. Parks for her willingness to serve Bossier Parish.

Ms. Hauser stated that the third candidate is Ms. Mindy Wardlaw. Ms. Wardlaw introduced herself and provided information pertaining to her education and professional history.

Questions were presented to Ms. Wardlaw by the police jurors.

Appreciation was extended to Ms. Wardlaw for her willingness to serve Bossier Parish.

Ms. Hauser stated each candidate will be assigned a color (red, green, or yellow) and the jurors will be asked to cast their votes based on the color assigned to each candidate, and whichever candidate receives the most votes will be appointed as interim appointee for Bossier Parish Police Jury District 5.

Results of vote are as follows:

Mr. Kostelka: None

Ms. Parks: Mr. Benton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers

Ms. Wardlaw: Mr. Darby

Ms. Hauser stated that Ms. Parks has received a majority vote of eight, and is hereby appointed as interim appointee to the Bossier Parish Police Jury, District 5.

Ms. Hauser stated that the interim appointee will serve until a special election can be held on October 9, 2021 (Primary), and November 13, 2021 (General), with qualifying being July 14, 15, and 16, 2021.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, to adopt a proclamation appointing Ms. Julianna Parks as interim appointee to the Bossier Parish Police Jury, District 5, and to schedule a special election to fill said vacancy. Qualifying for interested candidates is July 14, 15, and 16, 2021.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, District 5, created by the resignation of Jack Skaggs effective June 13, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bossier Parish Police Jury, in regular session on this 14th day of June, 2021, does hereby appoint Ms. Julianna P. Parks, to serve as interim appointee to the office of Bossier Parish Police Jury, District 5, until such time as an election to fill this vacancy can be duly held.

FURTHER, the Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby issue notice, call and proclamation for a special primary election and special general election to be held in Bossier Parish Police Jury, District 5, to fill said vacancy.

The Bossier Parish Police Jury does fix the date of the primary election for October 9, 2021, and the date of the general election for November 13, 2021, at the times, places and manner prescribed by law.

Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for said office shall file the necessary papers required by law, with the appropriate entity in the manner and form and under the procedures and conditions required by law, during the period commencing on July 14, 15, and ending on July 16, 2021.

The Bossier Parish Police Jury does hereby request the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Board of Supervisors of Elections, the Clerk of Court, the Registrar of Voters and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the Parish of Bossier to exercise every lawful function and do every act necessary to conduct said elections, cause the returns thereof to be made, and in general to

perform all related and incidental functions necessary to canvass and promulgate the results thereof.

The above proclamation was presented by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Upon vote, the proclamation was duly adopted by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular session on this 14th day of June, 2021.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JEROME DARBY, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Jill Sessions, Bossier Parish Clerk of Court, administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Julianna P. Parks for her interim appointment as Bossier Parish Police Juror, District 5, to serve until such time as an election to fill this vacancy can be duly held.

Mr. Altimus presented a request on behalf of the Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council for the police jury's participation by sponsoring the Celebrate Barksdale Picnic for 2021. He stated that the Military Affairs Council was created many years ago to be an advocate and support Barksdale Air Force Base.

Mr. Altimus stated that the Military Affairs Council funds are through donations and membership fees, and the police jury assists with the Barksdale Airforce Base air show each year. He stated that funds received by the Military Affairs Council are used for various functions at the base to recognize airmen, as well as many other actions to assist airmen and their families.

Mr. Altimus stated that fundraisers for this event were cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis. He recommended that the police jury participate with an appropriation in the amount of approximately \$8,000.00 by sponsoring the Celebrate Barksdale Picnic. An item will be placed on the July 7, 2021, agenda, for consideration on this request.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in special and legal session on this 14th day of June, 2021, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 2:53 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

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